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Since our founding in 1983, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP has obtained many of the largest monetary recoveries in history – over \$30 billion on behalf of investors. Unique among our peers, the firm has obtained the largest settlements ever agreed to by public companies related to securities fraud, including four of the ten largest in history. Working with our clients, we have also used the litigation process to achieve precedent-setting reforms which have increased market transparency, held wrongdoers accountable and improved corporate business practices in groundbreaking ways.

## FIRM OVERVIEW

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP (“BLB&G”), a national law firm with offices located in New York, California, Louisiana and Illinois, prosecutes class and private actions on behalf of individual and institutional clients. The firm’s litigation practice areas include securities class and direct actions in federal and state courts; corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation, including claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations; mergers and acquisitions and transactional litigation; alternative dispute resolution; distressed debt and bankruptcy; civil rights and employment discrimination; consumer class actions and antitrust. We also handle, on behalf of major institutional clients and lenders, more general complex commercial litigation involving allegations of breach of contract, accountants’ liability, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and negligence.

We are the nation’s leading firm in representing institutional investors in securities fraud class action litigation. The firm’s institutional client base includes the New York State Common Retirement Fund; the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS); the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board (the largest public pension funds in North America); the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA); the Chicago Municipal, Police and Labor Retirement Systems; the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; Forsta AP-fonden (“AP1”); Fjarde AP-fonden (“AP4”); the Florida State Board of Administration; the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi; the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System; the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System; the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio; the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System; the Virginia Retirement System; the Louisiana School, State, Teachers and Municipal Police Retirement Systems; the Public School Teachers’ Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago; the New Jersey Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury; TIAA-CREF and other private institutions; as well as numerous other public and Taft-Hartley pension entities.

## MORE TOP SECURITIES RECOVERIES

Since its founding in 1983, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP has litigated some of the most complex cases in history and has obtained over \$30 billion on behalf of investors. Unique among its peers, the firm has negotiated the largest settlements ever agreed to by public companies related to securities fraud, and obtained many of the largest securities recoveries in history (including 5 of the top 10):



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- *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$6.19 billion recovery
- *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* – \$3.3 billion recovery
- *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, Derivative, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation* – \$2.43 billion recovery
- *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation* (“Nortel II”) – \$1.07 billion recovery
- *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$1.06 billion recovery
- *In re McKesson HBOC, Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$1.05 billion recovery

For over a decade, Securities Class Action Services (SCAS – a division of ISS Governance) has compiled and published data on securities litigation recoveries and the law firms prosecuting the cases. BLB&G has been at or near the top of their rankings every year – often with the highest total recoveries, the highest settlement average, or both.

BLB&G also eclipses all competitors on SCAS’s “Top 100 Settlements” report, having recovered 37% of all the settlement dollars represented in the report (nearly \$23 billion), and having prosecuted nearly a third of all the cases on the list (29 of 100).

## GIVING SHAREHOLDERS A VOICE AND CHANGING BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR THE BETTER

BLB&G was among the first law firms ever to obtain meaningful corporate governance reforms through litigation. In courts throughout the country, we prosecute shareholder class and derivative actions, asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations wherever the conduct of corporate officers and/or directors, as well as M&A transactions, seek to deprive shareholders of fair value, undermine shareholder voting rights, or allow management to profit at the expense of shareholders.

We have prosecuted seminal cases establishing precedents which have increased market transparency, held wrongdoers accountable, addressed issues in the boardroom and executive suite, challenged unfair deals, and improved corporate business practices in groundbreaking ways.

From setting new standards of director independence, to restructuring board practices in the wake of persistent illegal conduct; from challenging the improper use of defensive measures and deal protections for management’s benefit, to confronting stock options backdating abuses and other self-dealing by executives; we have confronted a variety of questionable, unethical and proliferating corporate practices. Seeking to reform faulty management structures and address breaches of fiduciary duty by corporate officers and directors, we have obtained unprecedented victories on behalf of shareholders seeking to improve governance and protect the shareholder franchise.

## ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS OF CORPORATE WRONGDOING

While BLB&G is widely recognized as one of the leading law firms worldwide advising institutional investors on issues related to corporate governance, shareholder rights, and securities litigation, we have also prosecuted some of the most significant employment discrimination, civil rights and consumer protection cases on record. Equally important, the firm has advanced novel and socially beneficial principles by developing important new law in the areas in which we litigate.



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The firm served as co-lead counsel on behalf of Texaco's African-American employees in *Roberts v. Texaco Inc.*, which resulted in a recovery of \$176 million, the largest settlement ever in a race discrimination case. The creation of a Task Force to oversee Texaco's human resources activities for five years was unprecedented and served as a model for public companies going forward.

In the consumer field, the firm has gained a nationwide reputation for vigorously protecting the rights of individuals and for achieving exceptional settlements. In several instances, the firm has obtained recoveries for consumer classes that represented the entirety of the class's losses – an extraordinary result in consumer class cases.



## PRACTICE AREAS

### SECURITIES FRAUD LITIGATION

Securities fraud litigation is the cornerstone of the firm's litigation practice. Since its founding, the firm has had the distinction of having tried and prosecuted many of the most high-profile securities fraud class actions in history, recovering billions of dollars and obtaining unprecedented corporate governance reforms on behalf of our clients. BLB&G continues to play a leading role in major securities litigation pending in federal and state courts, and the firm remains one of the nation's leaders in representing institutional investors in securities fraud class and derivative litigation.

The firm also pursues direct actions in securities fraud cases when appropriate. By selectively opting out of certain securities class actions, we seek to resolve our clients' claims efficiently and for substantial multiples of what they might otherwise recover from related class action settlements.

The attorneys in the securities fraud litigation practice group have extensive experience in the laws that regulate the securities markets and in the disclosure requirements of corporations that issue publicly traded securities. Many of the attorneys in this practice group also have accounting backgrounds. The group has access to state-of-the-art, online financial wire services and databases, which enable it to instantaneously investigate any potential securities fraud action involving a public company's debt and equity securities.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Corporate Governance and Shareholders' Rights Practice Group prosecutes derivative actions, claims for breach of fiduciary duty, and proxy violations on behalf of individual and institutional investors in state and federal courts throughout the country. The group has obtained unprecedented victories on behalf of shareholders seeking to improve corporate governance and protect the shareholder franchise, prosecuting actions challenging numerous highly publicized corporate transactions which violated fair process and fair price, and the applicability of the business judgment rule. We have also addressed issues of corporate waste, shareholder voting rights claims, and executive compensation. As a result of the firm's high-profile and widely recognized capabilities, the corporate governance practice group is increasingly in demand by institutional investors who are exercising a more assertive voice with corporate boards regarding corporate governance issues and the board's accountability to shareholders.

The firm is actively involved in litigating numerous cases in this area of law, an area that has become increasingly important in light of efforts by various market participants to buy companies from their public shareholders "on the cheap."

### EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

The Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights Practice Group prosecutes class and multi-plaintiff actions, and other high-impact litigation against employers and other societal institutions that violate federal or state employment, anti-discrimination, and civil rights laws. The practice group represents diverse clients on a wide range of issues including Title VII actions: race, gender, sexual orientation and age discrimination suits; sexual harassment, and "glass ceiling" cases in which otherwise qualified employees are passed over for promotions to managerial or executive positions.



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Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is committed to effecting positive social change in the workplace and in society. The practice group has the necessary financial and human resources to ensure that the class action approach to discrimination and civil rights issues is successful. This litigation method serves to empower employees and other civil rights victims, who are usually discouraged from pursuing litigation because of personal financial limitations, and offers the potential for effecting the greatest positive change for the greatest number of people affected by discriminatory practice in the workplace.

## GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The General Commercial Litigation practice group provides contingency fee representation in complex business litigation and has obtained substantial recoveries on behalf of investors, corporations, bankruptcy trustees, creditor committees and other business entities. We have faced down powerful and well-funded law firms and defendants – and consistently prevailed. However, not every dispute is best resolved through the courts. In such cases, BLB&G Alternative Dispute practitioners offer clients an accomplished team and a creative venue in which to resolve conflicts outside of the litigation process. BLB&G has extensive experience – and a marked record of successes – in ADR practice. For example, in the wake of the credit crisis, we successfully represented numerous former executives of a major financial institution in arbitrations relating to claims for compensation. Our attorneys have led complex business-to-business arbitrations and mediations domestically and abroad representing clients before all the major arbitration tribunals, including the American Arbitration Association (AAA), FINRA, JAMS, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration.

## DISTRESSED DEBT AND BANKRUPTCY CREDITOR NEGOTIATION

The BLB&G Distressed Debt and Bankruptcy Creditor Negotiation Group has obtained billions of dollars through litigation on behalf of bondholders and creditors of distressed and bankrupt companies, as well as through third-party litigation brought by bankruptcy trustees and creditors' committees against auditors, appraisers, lawyers, officers and directors, and other defendants who may have contributed to client losses. As counsel, we advise institutions and individuals nationwide in developing strategies and tactics to recover assets presumed lost as a result of bankruptcy. Our record in this practice area is characterized by extensive trial experience in addition to completion of successful settlements.

## CONSUMER ADVOCACY

The Consumer Advocacy Practice Group at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP prosecutes cases across the entire spectrum of consumer rights, consumer fraud, and consumer protection issues. The firm represents victimized consumers in state and federal courts nationwide in individual and class action lawsuits that seek to provide consumers and purchasers of defective products with a means to recover their damages. The attorneys in this group are well versed in the vast array of laws and regulations that govern consumer interests and are aggressive, effective, court-tested litigators. The Consumer Practice Advocacy Group has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for millions of consumers throughout the country. Most notably, in a number of cases, the firm has obtained recoveries for the class that were the entirety of the potential damages suffered by the consumer. For example, in actions against MCI and Empire Blue Cross, the firm recovered all of the damages suffered by the class. The group achieved its successes by advancing innovative claims and theories of liabilities, such as obtaining decisions in Pennsylvania and Illinois appellate courts that adopted a new theory of consumer damages in mass marketing cases. Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is, thus, able to lead the way in protecting the rights of consumers.



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## THE COURTS SPEAK

Throughout the firm's history, many courts have recognized the professional excellence and diligence of the firm and its members. A few examples are set forth below.

### ***IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION***

**THE HONORABLE DENISE COTE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

*"I have the utmost confidence in plaintiffs' counsel...they have been doing a superb job.... The Class is extraordinarily well represented in this litigation."*

*"The magnitude of this settlement is attributable in significant part to Lead Counsel's advocacy and energy.... The quality of the representation given by Lead Counsel...has been superb...and is unsurpassed in this Court's experience with plaintiffs' counsel in securities litigation."*

*"Lead Counsel has been energetic and creative. . . . Its negotiations with the Citigroup Defendants have resulted in a settlement of historic proportions."*

### ***IN RE CLARENTE CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION***

**THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. BREYER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

*"It was the best tried case I've witnessed in my years on the bench . . ."*

*"[A]n extraordinarily civilized way of presenting the issues to you [the jury]. . . . We've all been treated to great civility and the highest professional ethics in the presentation of the case...."*

*"These trial lawyers are some of the best I've ever seen."*

### ***LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION***

**VICE CHANCELLOR J. TRAVIS LASTER OF THE DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY**

*"I do want to make a comment again about the excellent efforts . . . put into this case. . . . This case, I think, shows precisely the type of benefits that you can achieve for stockholders and how representative litigation can be a very important part of our corporate governance system . . . you hold up this case as an example of what to do."*

### ***MC CALL V. SCOTT (COLUMBIA/HCA DERIVATIVE LITIGATION)***

**THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. HIGGINS OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

*"Counsel's excellent qualifications and reputations are well documented in the record, and they have litigated this complex case adeptly and tenaciously throughout the six years it has been pending. They assumed an enormous risk and have shown great patience by taking this case on a contingent basis, and despite an early setback they have persevered and brought about not only a large cash settlement but sweeping corporate reforms that may be invaluable to the beneficiaries."*



## RECENT ACTIONS & SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is counsel in many diverse nationwide class and individual actions and has obtained many of the largest and most significant recoveries in history. Some examples from our practice groups include:

### SECURITIES CLASS ACTIONS

**CASE:** ***IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION***  
**COURT:** **United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**  
**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$6.19 billion securities fraud class action recovery – the second largest in history; unprecedented recoveries from Director Defendants.  
**CASE SUMMARY:** Investors suffered massive losses in the wake of the financial fraud and subsequent bankruptcy of former telecom giant WorldCom, Inc. This litigation alleged that WorldCom and others disseminated false and misleading statements to the investing public regarding its earnings and financial condition in violation of the federal securities and other laws. It further alleged a nefarious relationship between Citigroup subsidiary Salomon Smith Barney and WorldCom, carried out primarily by Salomon employees involved in providing investment banking services to WorldCom, and by WorldCom's former CEO and CFO. As Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing Lead Plaintiff the **New York State Common Retirement Fund**, we obtained unprecedented settlements totaling more than \$6 billion from the Investment Bank Defendants who underwrote WorldCom bonds, including a \$2.575 billion cash settlement to settle all claims against the Citigroup Defendants. On the eve of trial, the 13 remaining "Underwriter Defendants," including J.P. Morgan Chase, Deutsche Bank and Bank of America, agreed to pay settlements totaling nearly \$3.5 billion to resolve all claims against them. Additionally, the day before trial was scheduled to begin, all of the former WorldCom Director Defendants had agreed to pay over \$60 million to settle the claims against them. An unprecedented first for outside directors, \$24.75 million of that amount came out of the pockets of the individuals – 20% of their collective net worth. *The Wall Street Journal*, in its coverage, profiled the settlement as literally having "shaken Wall Street, the audit profession and corporate boardrooms." After four weeks of trial, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom's former auditor, settled for \$65 million. Subsequent settlements were reached with the former executives of WorldCom, and then with Andersen, bringing the total obtained for the Class to over \$6.19 billion.

**CASE:** ***IN RE CENDANT CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION***  
**COURT:** **United States District Court for the District of New Jersey**  
**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$3.3 billion securities fraud class action recovery – the third largest in history; significant corporate governance reforms obtained.  
**CASE SUMMARY:** The firm was Co-Lead Counsel in this class action against Cendant Corporation, its officers and directors and Ernst & Young (E&Y), its auditors, for their role in disseminating materially false and misleading financial statements concerning the company's revenues, earnings and expenses for its 1997 fiscal year. As a result of company-wide accounting irregularities, Cendant restated its financial results for its 1995, 1996 and 1997 fiscal years and all fiscal quarters therein. Cendant agreed to settle the action for \$2.8 billion to adopt some of the most extensive corporate governance changes in history. E&Y settled for \$335 million. These settlements remain the largest sums ever recovered from a public company and a public accounting firm through securities class action litigation. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiffs **CalPERS** – the **California Public Employees' Retirement System**, the **New York State Common Retirement Fund** and the **New York City Pension Funds**, the three largest public pension funds in America, in this action.



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**CASE:** *IN RE BANK OF AMERICA CORP. SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE, AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT (ERISA) LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$2.425 billion in cash; significant corporate governance reforms to resolve all claims. This recovery is by far the largest shareholder recovery related to the subprime meltdown and credit crisis; the single largest securities class action settlement ever resolving a Section 14(a) claim – the federal securities provision designed to protect investors against misstatements in connection with a proxy solicitation; the largest ever funded by a single corporate defendant for violations of the federal securities laws; the single largest settlement of a securities class action in which there was neither a financial restatement involved nor a criminal conviction related to the alleged misconduct; and one of the 10 largest securities class action recoveries in history.

**DESCRIPTION:** The firm represented Co-Lead Plaintiffs the **State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**, the **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**, and the **Teacher Retirement System of Texas** in this securities class action filed on behalf of shareholders of Bank of America Corporation (“BAC”) arising from BAC’s 2009 acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. The action alleges that BAC, Merrill Lynch, and certain of the companies’ current and former officers and directors violated the federal securities laws by making a series of materially false statements and omissions in connection with the acquisition. These violations included the alleged failure to disclose information regarding billions of dollars of losses which Merrill had suffered before the BAC shareholder vote on the proposed acquisition, as well as an undisclosed agreement allowing Merrill to pay billions in bonuses before the acquisition closed despite these losses. Not privy to these material facts, BAC shareholders voted to approve the acquisition.

**CASE:** *IN RE NORTEL NETWORKS CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION (“NORTEL II”)*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Over \$1.07 billion in cash and common stock recovered for the class.

**DESCRIPTION:** This securities fraud class action charged Nortel Networks Corporation and certain of its officers and directors with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, alleging that the Defendants knowingly or recklessly made false and misleading statements with respect to Nortel’s financial results during the relevant period. BLB&G clients the **Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board** and the **Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment** were appointed as Co-Lead Plaintiffs for the Class in one of two related actions (Nortel II), and BLB&G was appointed Lead Counsel for the Class. In a historic settlement, Nortel agreed to pay \$2.4 billion in cash and Nortel common stock (all figures in US dollars) to resolve both matters. Nortel later announced that its insurers had agreed to pay \$228.5 million toward the settlement, bringing the total amount of the global settlement to approximately \$2.7 billion, and the total amount of the Nortel II settlement to over \$1.07 billion.

**CASE:** *IN RE MERCK & CO., INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court, District of New Jersey

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$1.06 billion recovery for the class.

**DESCRIPTION:** This case arises out of misrepresentations and omissions concerning life-threatening risks posed by the “blockbuster” Cox-2 painkiller Vioxx, which Merck withdrew from the market in 2004. In January 2016, BLB&G achieved a \$1.062 billion settlement on the eve of trial after more than 12 years of hard-fought litigation that included a successful decision at the United States Supreme Court. This settlement is the second largest recovery ever obtained in the Third Circuit, one of the top 10 securities recoveries of all time, and the largest securities recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiff the **Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi**.



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**CASE:** *IN RE MCKESSON HBOC, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Northern District of California

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$1.05 billion recovery for the class.

**DESCRIPTION:** This securities fraud litigation was filed on behalf of purchasers of HBOC, McKesson and McKesson HBOC securities, alleging that Defendants misled the investing public concerning HBOC's and McKesson HBOC's financial results. On behalf of Lead Plaintiff the **New York State Common Retirement Fund**, BLB&G obtained a \$960 million settlement from the company; \$72.5 million in cash from Arthur Andersen; and, on the eve of trial, a \$10 million settlement from Bear Stearns & Co. Inc., with total recoveries reaching more than \$1 billion.

**CASE:** *IN RE LEHMAN BROTHERS EQUITY/DEBT SECURITIES LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$735 million in total recoveries.

**DESCRIPTION:** Representing the **Government of Guam Retirement Fund**, BLB&G successfully prosecuted this securities class action arising from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.'s issuance of billions of dollars in offerings of debt and equity securities that were sold using offering materials that contained untrue statements and missing material information.

After four years of intense litigation, Lead Plaintiffs achieved a total of \$735 million in recoveries consisting of: a \$426 million settlement with underwriters of Lehman securities offerings; a \$90 million settlement with former Lehman directors and officers; a \$99 million settlement that resolves claims against Ernst & Young, Lehman's former auditor (considered one of the top 10 auditor settlements ever achieved); and a \$120 million settlement that resolves claims against UBS Financial Services, Inc. This recovery is truly remarkable not only because of the difficulty in recovering assets when the issuer defendant is bankrupt, but also because no financial results were restated, and that the auditors never disavowed the statements.

**CASE:** *HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION BONDHOLDER LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$804.5 million in total recoveries.

**DESCRIPTION:** In this litigation, BLB&G was the appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the bond holder class, representing Lead Plaintiff the **Retirement Systems of Alabama**. This action arose from allegations that Birmingham, Alabama based HealthSouth Corporation overstated its earnings at the direction of its founder and former CEO Richard Scrushy. Subsequent revelations disclosed that the overstatement actually exceeded over \$2.4 billion, virtually wiping out all of HealthSouth's reported profits for the prior five years. A total recovery of \$804.5 million was obtained in this litigation through a series of settlements, including an approximately \$445 million settlement for shareholders and bondholders, a \$100 million in cash settlement from UBS AG, UBS Warburg LLC, and individual UBS Defendants (collectively, "UBS"), and \$33.5 million in cash from the company's auditor. The total settlement for injured HealthSouth bond purchasers exceeded \$230 million, recouping over a third of bond purchaser damages.

**CASE:** *IN RE CITIGROUP, INC. BOND ACTION LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$730 million cash recovery; second largest recovery in a litigation arising from the financial crisis.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the years prior to the collapse of the subprime mortgage market, Citigroup issued 48 offerings of preferred stock and bonds. This securities fraud class action was filed on behalf of purchasers of



Citigroup bonds and preferred stock alleging that these offerings contained material misrepresentations and omissions regarding Citigroup's exposure to billions of dollars in mortgage-related assets, the loss reserves for its portfolio of high-risk residential mortgage loans, and the credit quality of the risky assets it held in off-balance sheet entities known as "structured investment vehicles." After protracted litigation lasting four years, we obtained a \$730 million cash recovery – the second largest securities class action recovery in a litigation arising from the financial crisis, and the second largest recovery ever in a securities class action brought on behalf of purchasers of debt securities. As Lead Bond Counsel for the Class, BLB&G represented Lead Bond Plaintiffs Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Association, Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, and Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

**CASE:*****IN RE WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM LITIGATION*****COURT:****United States District Court for the District of Arizona****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Over \$750 million – the largest securities fraud settlement ever achieved at the time.

**DESCRIPTION:**

BLB&G was appointed Chair of the Executive Committee responsible for litigating the action on behalf of the class in this action. The case was litigated for over seven years, and involved an estimated 200 million pages of documents produced in discovery; the depositions of 285 fact witnesses and 34 expert witnesses; more than 25,000 introduced exhibits; six published district court opinions; seven appeals or attempted appeals to the Ninth Circuit; and a three-month jury trial, which resulted in a settlement of over \$750 million – then the largest securities fraud settlement ever achieved.

**CASE:*****IN RE SCHERING-PLough CORPORATION/ENHANCE SECURITIES LITIGATION; IN RE MERCK & Co., INC. VYTORIN/ZETIA SECURITIES LITIGATION*****COURT:****United States District Court for the District of New Jersey****HIGHLIGHTS:**

\$688 million in combined settlements (Schering-Plough settled for \$473 million; Merck settled for \$215 million) in this coordinated securities fraud litigations filed on behalf of investors in Merck and Schering-Plough.

**DESCRIPTION:**

After nearly five years of intense litigation, just days before trial, BLB&G resolved the two actions against Merck and Schering-Plough, which stemmed from claims that Merck and Schering artificially inflated their market value by concealing material information and making false and misleading statements regarding their blockbuster anti-cholesterol drugs Zetia and Vytorin. Specifically, we alleged that the companies knew that their "ENHANCE" clinical trial of Vytorin (a combination of Zetia and a generic) demonstrated that Vytorin was no more effective than the cheaper generic at reducing artery thickness. The companies nonetheless championed the "benefits" of their drugs, attracting billions of dollars of capital. When public pressure to release the results of the ENHANCE trial became too great, the companies reluctantly announced these negative results, which we alleged led to sharp declines in the value of the companies' securities, resulting in significant losses to investors. The combined \$688 million in settlements (Schering-Plough settled for \$473 million; Merck settled for \$215 million) is the second largest securities recovery ever in the Third Circuit, among the top 25 settlements of all time, and among the ten largest recoveries ever in a case where there was no financial restatement. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiffs Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, and the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

**CASE:*****IN RE LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*****COURT:****United States District Court for the District of New Jersey**



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**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$667 million in total recoveries; the appointment of BLB&G as Co-Lead Counsel is especially noteworthy as it marked the first time since the 1995 passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that a court reopened the lead plaintiff or lead counsel selection process to account for changed circumstances, new issues and possible conflicts between new and old allegations.

**DESCRIPTION:** BLB&G served as Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action, representing Lead Plaintiffs the **Parnassus Fund, Teamsters Locals 175 & 505 D&P Pension Trust, Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System** and the **Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System**. The complaint accused Lucent of making false and misleading statements to the investing public concerning its publicly reported financial results and failing to disclose the serious problems in its optical networking business. When the truth was disclosed, Lucent admitted that it had improperly recognized revenue of nearly \$679 million in fiscal 2000. The settlement obtained in this case is valued at approximately \$667 million, and is composed of cash, stock and warrants.

**CASE:** *IN RE WACHOVIA PREFERRED SECURITIES AND BOND/NOTES LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$627 million recovery – among the 20 largest securities class action recoveries in history; third largest recovery obtained in an action arising from the subprime mortgage crisis.

**DESCRIPTION:** This securities class action was filed on behalf of investors in certain Wachovia bonds and preferred securities against Wachovia Corp., certain former officers and directors, various underwriters, and its auditor, KPMG LLP. The case alleges that Wachovia provided offering materials that misrepresented and omitted material facts concerning the nature and quality of Wachovia's multi-billion dollar option-ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) "Pick-A-Pay" mortgage loan portfolio, and that Wachovia's loan loss reserves were materially inadequate. According to the Complaint, these undisclosed problems threatened the viability of the financial institution, requiring it to be "bailed out" during the financial crisis before it was acquired by Wells Fargo. The combined \$627 million recovery obtained in the action is among the 20 largest securities class action recoveries in history, the largest settlement ever in a class action case asserting only claims under the Securities Act of 1933, and one of a handful of securities class action recoveries obtained where there were no parallel civil or criminal actions brought by government authorities. The firm represented Co-Lead Plaintiffs **Orange County Employees Retirement System** and **Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund** in this action.

**CASE:** *OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM V. FREDDIE MAC*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

**HIGHLIGHTS:** \$410 million settlement.

**DESCRIPTION:** This securities fraud class action was filed on behalf of the **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System** and the **State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio** alleging that Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") and certain of its current and former officers issued false and misleading statements in connection with the company's previously reported financial results. Specifically, the Complaint alleged that the Defendants misrepresented the company's operations and financial results by having engaged in numerous improper transactions and accounting machinations that violated fundamental GAAP precepts in order to artificially smooth the company's earnings and to hide earnings volatility. In connection with these improprieties, Freddie Mac restated more than \$5 billion in earnings. A settlement of \$410 million was reached in the case just as deposition discovery had begun and document review was complete.

**CASE:** *IN RE REFCO, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

**COURT:** United States District Court for the Southern District of New York



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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Over \$407 million in total recoveries.

**DESCRIPTION:** The lawsuit arises from the revelation that Refco, a once prominent brokerage, had for years secreted hundreds of millions of dollars of uncollectible receivables with a related entity controlled by Phillip Bennett, the company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. This revelation caused the stunning collapse of the company a mere two months after its initial public offering of common stock. As a result, Refco filed one of the largest bankruptcies in U.S. history. Settlements have been obtained from multiple company and individual defendants, resulting in a total recovery for the class of over \$407 million. BLB&G represented Co-Lead Plaintiff **RH Capital Associates LLC**.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

**CASE:** **UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION**

**COURT:** United States District Court for the District of Minnesota

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Litigation recovered over \$920 million in ill-gotten compensation directly from former officers for their roles in illegally backdating stock options, while the company agreed to far-reaching reforms aimed at curbing future executive compensation abuses.

**DESCRIPTION:** This shareholder derivative action filed against certain current and former executive officers and members of the Board of Directors of UnitedHealth Group, Inc. alleged that the Defendants obtained, approved and/or acquiesced in the issuance of stock options to senior executives that were unlawfully backdated to provide the recipients with windfall compensation at the direct expense of UnitedHealth and its shareholders. The firm recovered over \$920 million in ill-gotten compensation directly from the former officer Defendants – the largest derivative recovery in history. As feature coverage in *The New York Times* indicated, “investors everywhere should applaud [the UnitedHealth settlement].... [T]he recovery sets a standard of behavior for other companies and boards when performance pay is later shown to have been based on ephemeral earnings.” The Plaintiffs in this action were the **St. Paul Teachers’ Retirement Fund Association**, the **Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi**, the **Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Fund**, the **Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund**, the **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System** and **Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado**.

**CASE:** **CAREMARK MERGER LITIGATION**

**COURT:** Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Landmark Court ruling orders Caremark’s board to disclose previously withheld information, enjoins shareholder vote on CVS merger offer, and grants statutory appraisal rights to Caremark shareholders. The litigation ultimately forced CVS to raise offer by \$7.50 per share, equal to more than \$3.3 billion in additional consideration to Caremark shareholders.

**DESCRIPTION:** Commenced on behalf of the **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System** and other shareholders of Caremark RX, Inc. (“Caremark”), this shareholder class action accused the company’s directors of violating their fiduciary duties by approving and endorsing a proposed merger with CVS Corporation (“CVS”), all the while refusing to fairly consider an alternative transaction proposed by another bidder. In a landmark decision, the Court ordered the Defendants to disclose material information that had previously been withheld, enjoined the shareholder vote on the CVS transaction until the additional disclosures occurred, and granted statutory appraisal rights to Caremark’s shareholders—forcing CVS to increase the consideration offered to shareholders by \$7.50 per share in cash (over \$3 billion in total).

**CASE:*****IN RE PFIZER INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION*****COURT:****United States District Court for the Southern District of New York****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Landmark settlement in which Defendants agreed to create a new Regulatory and Compliance Committee of the Pfizer Board that will be supported by a dedicated \$75 million fund.

**DESCRIPTION:**

In the wake of Pfizer's agreement to pay \$2.3 billion as part of a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve civil and criminal charges relating to the illegal marketing of at least 13 of the company's most important drugs (the largest such fine ever imposed), this shareholder derivative action was filed against Pfizer's senior management and Board alleging they breached their fiduciary duties to Pfizer by, among other things, allowing unlawful promotion of drugs to continue after receiving numerous "red flags" that Pfizer's improper drug marketing was systemic and widespread. The suit was brought by Court-appointed Lead Plaintiffs **Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund** and **Skandia Life Insurance Company, Ltd.** In an unprecedented settlement reached by the parties, the Defendants agreed to create a new Regulatory and Compliance Committee of the Pfizer Board of Directors (the "Regulatory Committee") to oversee and monitor Pfizer's compliance and drug marketing practices and to review the compensation policies for Pfizer's drug sales related employees.

**CASE:*****IN RE EL PASO CORP. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION*****COURT:****Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Landmark Delaware ruling chastises Goldman Sachs for M&A conflicts of interest.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This case aimed a spotlight on ways that financial insiders – in this instance, Wall Street titan Goldman Sachs – game the system. The Delaware Chancery Court harshly rebuked Goldman for ignoring blatant conflicts of interest while advising their corporate clients on Kinder Morgan's high-profile acquisition of El Paso Corporation. As a result of the lawsuit, Goldman was forced to relinquish a \$20 million advisory fee, and BLB&G obtained a \$110 million cash settlement for El Paso shareholders – one of the highest merger litigation damage recoveries in Delaware history.

**CASE:*****IN RE DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION*****COURT:****Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Dominant shareholder is blocked from collecting a payoff at the expense of minority investors.

**DESCRIPTION:**

As the Delphi Financial Group prepared to be acquired by Tokio Marine Holdings Inc., the conduct of Delphi's founder and controlling shareholder drew the scrutiny of BLB&G and its institutional investor clients for improperly using the transaction to expropriate at least \$55 million at the expense of the public shareholders. BLB&G aggressively litigated this action and obtained a settlement of \$49 million for Delphi's public shareholders. The settlement fund is equal to about 90% of recoverable Class damages – a virtually unprecedented recovery.

**CASE:*****QUALCOMM BOOKS & RECORDS LITIGATION*****COURT:****Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Novel use of "books and records" litigation enhances disclosure of political spending and transparency.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Supreme Court's controversial 2010 opinion in *Citizens United v. FEC* made it easier for corporate directors and executives to secretly use company funds – shareholder assets – to support personally favored political candidates or causes. BLB&G prosecuted the first-ever "books and records" litigation to obtain disclosure of corporate political spending at our client's portfolio



company – technology giant Qualcomm Inc. – in response to Qualcomm’s refusal to share the information. As a result of the lawsuit, Qualcomm adopted a policy that provides its shareholders with comprehensive disclosures regarding the company’s political activities and places Qualcomm as a standard-bearer for other companies.

**CASE:*****IN RE NEWS CORP. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION*****COURT:****Delaware Court of Chancery – Kent County****HIGHLIGHTS:**

An unprecedented settlement in which News Corp. recoups \$139 million and enacts significant corporate governance reforms that combat self-dealing in the boardroom.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Following News Corp.’s 2011 acquisition of a company owned by News Corp. Chairman and CEO Rupert Murdoch’s daughter, and the phone-hacking scandal within its British newspaper division, we filed a derivative litigation on behalf of the company because of institutional shareholder concern with the conduct of News Corp.’s management. We ultimately obtained an unprecedented settlement in which News Corp. recouped \$139 million for the company coffers, and agreed to enact corporate governance enhancements to strengthen its compliance structure, the independence and functioning of its board, and the compensation and clawback policies for management.

**CASE:*****IN RE ACS SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION (XEROX)*****COURT:****Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:**

BLB&G challenged an attempt by ACS CEO to extract a premium on his stock not shared with the company’s public shareholders in a sale of ACS to Xerox. On the eve of trial, BLB&G obtained a \$69 million recovery, with a substantial portion of the settlement personally funded by the CEO.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Filed on behalf of the **New Orleans Employees’ Retirement System** and similarly situated shareholders of Affiliated Computer Service, Inc., this action alleged that members of the Board of Directors of ACS breached their fiduciary duties by approving a merger with Xerox Corporation which would allow Darwin Deason, ACS’s founder and Chairman and largest stockholder, to extract hundreds of millions of dollars of value that rightfully belongs to ACS’s public shareholders for himself. Per the agreement, Deason’s consideration amounted to over a 50% premium when compared to the consideration paid to ACS’s public stockholders. The ACS Board further breached its fiduciary duties by agreeing to certain deal protections in the merger agreement that essentially locked up the transaction between ACS and Xerox. After seeking a preliminary injunction to enjoin the deal and engaging in intense discovery and litigation in preparation for a looming trial date, Plaintiffs reached a global settlement with Defendants for \$69 million. In the settlement, Deason agreed to pay \$12.8 million, while ACS agreed to pay the remaining \$56.1 million.

**CASE:*****IN RE DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION*****COURT:****Sixth Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee; Twentieth Judicial District, Nashville****HIGHLIGHTS:**

Holding Board accountable for accepting below-value “going private” offer.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A Nashville, Tennessee corporation that operates retail stores selling discounted household goods, in early March 2007, Dollar General announced that its Board of Directors had approved the acquisition of the company by the private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (“KKR”). BLB&G, as Co-Lead Counsel for the **City of Miami General Employees’ & Sanitation Employees’ Retirement Trust**, filed a class action complaint alleging that the “going private” offer was approved as a result of breaches of fiduciary duty by the board and that the price offered by KKR did not reflect the fair value of Dollar General’s publicly-held shares. On the eve of the summary judgment hearing, KKR agreed to pay a \$40 million settlement in favor of the shareholders, with a potential for \$17 million more for the Class.



<b>CASE:</b>	<b>LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION</b>
<b>COURT:</b>	<b>Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County</b>
<b>HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	Protecting shareholders from predatory CEO's multiple attempts to take control of Landry's Restaurants through improper means. Our litigation forced the CEO to increase his buyout offer by four times the price offered and obtained an additional \$14.5 million cash payment for the class.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	In this derivative and shareholder class action, shareholders alleged that Tilman J. Fertitta – chairman, CEO and largest shareholder of Landry's Restaurants, Inc. – and its Board of Directors stripped public shareholders of their controlling interest in the company for no premium and severely devalued remaining public shares in breach of their fiduciary duties. BLB&G's prosecution of the action on behalf of Plaintiff <b>Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System</b> resulted in recoveries that included the creation of a settlement fund composed of \$14.5 million in cash, as well as significant corporate governance reforms and an increase in consideration to shareholders of the purchase price valued at \$65 million.

## EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

<b>CASE:</b>	<b>ROBERTS V. TEXACO, INC.</b>
<b>COURT:</b>	<b>United States District Court for the Southern District of New York</b>
<b>HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	BLB&G recovered \$170 million on behalf of Texaco's African-American employees and engineered the creation of an independent "Equality and Tolerance Task Force" at the company.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Six highly qualified African-American employees filed a class action complaint against Texaco Inc. alleging that the company failed to promote African-American employees to upper level jobs and failed to compensate them fairly in relation to Caucasian employees in similar positions. BLB&G's prosecution of the action revealed that African-Americans were significantly under-represented in high level management jobs and that Caucasian employees were promoted more frequently and at far higher rates for comparable positions within the company. The case settled for over \$170 million, and Texaco agreed to a Task Force to monitor its diversity programs for five years – a settlement described as the most significant race discrimination settlement in history.

<b>CASE:</b>	<b>ECOA - GMAC/NMAC/FORD/TOYOTA/CHRYSLER - CONSUMER FINANCE DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION</b>
<b>COURT:</b>	<b>Multiple jurisdictions</b>
<b>HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	Landmark litigation in which financing arms of major auto manufacturers are compelled to cease discriminatory "kick-back" arrangements with dealers, leading to historic changes to auto financing practices nationwide.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	The cases involve allegations that the lending practices of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation, Ford Motor Credit, Toyota Motor Credit and DaimlerChrysler Financial cause African-American and Hispanic car buyers to pay millions of dollars more for car loans than similarly situated white buyers. At issue is a discriminatory kickback system under which minorities typically pay about 50% more in dealer mark-up which is shared by auto dealers with the Defendants.

**NMAC:** The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee granted final approval of the settlement of the class action against Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation ("NMAC") in which NMAC agreed to offer pre-approved loans to hundreds of thousands of current and potential African-American and Hispanic NMAC customers, and limit how much it raises the interest charged to car buyers above the company's minimum acceptable rate.



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**GMAC:** The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee granted final approval of a settlement of the litigation against General Motors Acceptance Corporation (“GMAC”) in which GMAC agreed to take the historic step of imposing a 2.5% markup cap on loans with terms up to 60 months, and a cap of 2% on extended term loans. GMAC also agreed to institute a substantial credit pre-approval program designed to provide special financing rates to minority car buyers with special rate financing.

**DAIMLERCHRYSLER:** The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey granted final approval of the settlement in which DaimlerChrysler agreed to implement substantial changes to the company’s practices, including limiting the maximum amount of mark-up dealers may charge customers to between 1.25% and 2.5% depending upon the length of the customer’s loan. In addition, the company agreed to send out pre-approved credit offers of no-markup loans to African-American and Hispanic consumers, and contribute \$1.8 million to provide consumer education and assistance programs on credit financing.

**FORD MOTOR CREDIT:** The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted final approval of a settlement in which Ford Credit agreed to make contract disclosures informing consumers that the customer’s Annual Percentage Rate (“APR”) may be negotiated and that sellers may assign their contracts and retain rights to receive a portion of the finance charge.

## CLIENTS AND FEES

We are firm believers in the contingency fee as a socially useful, productive and satisfying basis of compensation for legal services, particularly in litigation. Wherever appropriate, even with our corporate clients, we will encourage retention where our fee is contingent on the outcome of the litigation. This way, it is not the number of hours worked that will determine our fee, but rather the result achieved for our client.

Our clients include many large and well known financial and lending institutions and pension funds, as well as privately-held companies that are attracted to our firm because of our reputation, expertise and fee structure. Most of the firm’s clients are referred by other clients, law firms and lawyers, bankers, investors and accountants. A considerable number of clients have been referred to the firm by former adversaries. We have always maintained a high level of independence and discretion in the cases we decide to prosecute. As a result, the level of personal satisfaction and commitment to our work is high.



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## IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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### **THE PAUL M. BERNSTEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL** – Paul M. Bernstein was the founding senior partner of the firm. Mr. Bernstein led a distinguished career as a lawyer and teacher and was deeply committed to the professional and personal development of young lawyers. The Paul M. Bernstein Memorial Scholarship Fund is a gift of the firm and the family and friends of Paul M. Bernstein, and is awarded annually to one or more second-year students selected for their academic excellence in their first year, professional responsibility, financial need and contributions to the community.

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**MAX W. BERGER**, the firm's senior founding partner, supervises BLB&G's litigation practice and prosecutes class and individual actions on behalf of the firm's clients.

He has litigated many of the firm's most high-profile and significant cases, and has negotiated six of the largest securities fraud settlements in history, each in excess of a billion dollars: *Cendant* (\$3.3 billion); *Citigroup–WorldCom* (\$2.575 billion); *Bank of America/Merrill Lynch* (\$2.4 billion); *JPMorgan Chase–WorldCom* (\$2 billion); *Nortel* (\$1.07 billion); and *McKesson* (\$1.04 billion).

Mr. Berger's work has garnered him extensive media attention, and he has been the subject of feature articles in a variety of major media publications. Unique among his peers, *The New York Times* highlighted his remarkable track record in an October 2012 profile entitled "Investors' Billion-Dollar Fraud Fighter," which also discussed his role in the *Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Merger* litigation. In 2011, Mr. Berger was twice profiled by *The American Lawyer* for his role in negotiating a \$627 million recovery on behalf of investors in the *In re Wachovia Corp. Securities Litigation*, and a \$516 million recovery in *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*. Previously, Mr. Berger's role in the *WorldCom* case generated extensive media coverage including feature articles in *BusinessWeek* and *The American Lawyer*. For his outstanding efforts on behalf of *WorldCom* investors, *The National Law Journal* profiled Mr. Berger (one of only eleven attorneys selected nationwide) in its annual 2005 "Winning Attorneys" section. He was subsequently featured in a 2006 *New York Times* article, "A Class-Action Shuffle," which assessed the evolving landscape of the securities litigation arena.

#### One of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America"

Widely recognized for his professional excellence and achievements, Mr. Berger was named one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" by *The National Law Journal* for being "front and center" in holding Wall Street banks accountable and obtaining over \$5 billion in cases arising from the subprime meltdown, and for his work as a "master negotiator" in obtaining numerous multi-billion dollar recoveries for investors.

Described as a "standard-bearer" for the profession in a career spanning over 40 years, he is the 2014 recipient of *Chambers USA*'s award for Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession. In presenting this prestigious honor, *Chambers* recognized Mr. Berger's "numerous headline-grabbing successes," as well as his unique stature among colleagues – "warmly lauded by his peers, who are nevertheless loath to find him on the other side of the table."

*Law360* published a special feature discussing his life and career as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," and also named him one of only six litigators selected nationally as a "Legal MVP" for his work in securities litigation.

For the past ten years in a row, Mr. Berger has received the top attorney ranking in plaintiff securities litigation by *Chambers* and is consistently recognized as one of New York's "local litigation stars" by *Benchmark Litigation* (published by *Institutional Investor* and *Euromoney*). *Law360* also named him one of only six litigators selected nationally as a "Legal MVP" for his work in securities litigation.



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Since their various inceptions, he has also been named a “leading lawyer” by the *Legal 500 US* guide, one of “10 Legal Superstars” by *Securities Law360*, and one of the “500 Leading Lawyers in America” and “100 Securities Litigators You Need to Know” by *Lawdragon* magazine. Further, *The Best Lawyers in America* guide has named Mr. Berger a leading lawyer in his field.

Mr. Berger also serves the academic community in numerous capacities as a member of the Dean’s Council to Columbia Law School, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Baruch College. He has taught Profession of Law, an ethics course at Columbia Law School, and currently serves on the Advisory Board of Columbia Law School’s Center on Corporate Governance. In May 2006, he was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his contributions to Baruch College, and in February 2011, Mr. Berger received Columbia Law School’s most prestigious and highest honor, “The Medal for Excellence.” This award is presented annually to Columbia Law School alumni who exemplify the qualities of character, intellect, and social and professional responsibility that the Law School seeks to instill in its students. As a recipient of this award, Mr. Berger was profiled in the Fall 2011 issue of *Columbia Law School Magazine*.

Mr. Berger is currently a member of the New York State, New York City and American Bar Associations, and is a member of the Federal Bar Council. He is also a member of the American Law Institute and an Advisor to its Restatement Third: Economic Torts project. In addition, Mr. Berger is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Supreme Court Historical Society.

Mr. Berger lectures extensively for many professional organizations. In 1997, Mr. Berger was honored for his outstanding contribution to the public interest by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, where he was a “Trial Lawyer of the Year” Finalist for his work in *Roberts, et al. v. Texaco*, the celebrated race discrimination case, on behalf of Texaco’s African-American employees.

Among numerous charitable and volunteer works, Mr. Berger is an active supporter of City Year New York, a division of AmeriCorps, dedicated to encouraging young people to devote time to public service. In July 2005, he was named City Year New York’s “Idealist of the Year,” for his long-time service and work in the community. He and his wife, Dale, have also established the Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Law Fellowship at Columbia Law School and the Max Berger Pre-Law Program at Baruch College.

**EDUCATION:** Baruch College-City University of New York, B.B.A., Accounting, 1968; President of the student body and recipient of numerous awards. Columbia Law School, J.D., 1971, Editor of the *Columbia Survey of Human Rights Law*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court.

**EDWARD A. GROSSMANN**, one of the firm’s founding partners, served as lead counsel in the *Prudential-Bache Energy Income Limited Partnership* and the *In re Bennett Funding Group* class actions, well-publicized cases which have each settled for in excess of \$120 million.

He is a past chairman of the Class and Derivative Action Trials Subcommittee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and a past chairman of the Commercial Litigation Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (now known as the American Association for Justice), and has lectured for that organization. Mr. Grossmann is a member of the Executive Committee of the Jackson Gabriel Silver Foundation and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades. He is also past President of the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades and is a past trustee of the UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey.



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**GERALD H. SILK**'s practice focuses on representing institutional investors on matters involving federal and state securities laws, accountants' liability, and the fiduciary duties of corporate officials, as well as general commercial and corporate litigation. He also advises creditors on their rights with respect to pursuing affirmative claims against officers and directors, as well as professionals both inside and outside the bankruptcy context.

Mr. Silk is a managing partner of the firm and oversees its New Matter department in which he, along with a group of attorneys, financial analysts and investigators, counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims. He was the subject of "Picking Winning Securities Cases," a feature article in the June 2005 issue of *Bloomberg Markets* magazine, which detailed his work for the firm in this capacity. A decade later, in December 2014, Mr. Silk was recognized by *The National Law Journal* in its inaugural list of "Litigation Trailblazers & Pioneers" — one of 50 lawyers in the country who have changed the practice of litigation through the use of innovative legal strategies — in no small part for the critical role he has played in helping the firm's investor clients recover billions of dollars in litigation arising from the financial crisis, among other matters.

In addition, *Lawdragon* magazine, which has named Mr. Silk one of the "100 Securities Litigators You Need to Know," one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and one of America's top 500 "rising stars" in the legal profession, also recently profiled him as part of its "Lawyer Limelight" special series, discussing subprime litigation, his passion for plaintiffs' work and the trends he expects to see in the market. Recognized as one of an elite group of notable practitioners by *Chambers USA*, he is also named as a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark*, is recommended by the *Legal 500 USA* guide in the field of plaintiffs' securities litigation, and has been selected by *New York Super Lawyers* every year since 2006.

In the wake of the financial crisis, he advised the firm's institutional investor clients on their rights with respect to claims involving transactions in residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). His work representing Cambridge Place Investment Management Inc. on claims under Massachusetts state law against numerous investment banks arising from the purchase of billions of dollars of RMBS was featured in a 2010 *New York Times* article by Gretchen Morgenson titled, "Mortgage Investors Turn to State Courts for Relief."

Mr. Silk also represented the New York State Teachers' Retirement System in a securities litigation against the General Motors Company arising from a series of misrepresentations concerning the quality, safety, and reliability of the Company's cars which resulted in a \$300 million settlement. In addition, he is actively involved in the firm's prosecution of highly successful M&A litigation, representing shareholders in widely publicized lawsuits, including the litigation arising from the proposed acquisition of Caremark Rx, Inc. by CVS Corporation — which led to an increase of approximately \$3.5 billion in the consideration offered to shareholders.

Mr. Silk was one of the principal attorneys responsible for prosecuting the *In re Independent Energy Holdings Securities Litigation*. A case against the officers and directors of Independent Energy as well as several investment banking firms which underwrote a \$200 million secondary offering of ADRs by the U.K.-based Independent Energy, the litigation was resolved for \$48 million. Mr. Silk has also prosecuted and successfully resolved several other securities class actions, which resulted in substantial cash recoveries for investors, including *In re Sykes*



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*Enterprises, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Middle District of Florida, and *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Northern District of Ohio. He was also a member of the litigation team responsible for the successful prosecution of *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* in the District of New Jersey, which was resolved for \$3.2 billion.

A graduate of the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and Brooklyn Law School, in 1995-96, Mr. Silk served as a law clerk to the Hon. Steven M. Gold, U.S.M.J., in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Mr. Silk lectures to institutional investors at conferences throughout the country, and has written or substantially contributed to several articles on developments in securities and corporate law, including “Improving Multi-Jurisdictional, Merger-Related Litigation,” American Bar Association (February 2011); “The Compensation Game,” *Lawdragon*, Fall 2006; “Institutional Investors as Lead Plaintiffs: Is There A New And Changing Landscape?,” 75 *St. John’s Law Review* 31 (Winter 2001); “The Duty To Supervise, Poser, Broker-Dealer Law and Regulation,” 3rd Ed. 2000, Chapter 15; “Derivative Litigation In New York after Marx v. Akers,” *New York Business Law Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 1997).

He is a frequent commentator for the business media on television and in print. Among other outlets, he has appeared on NBC’s *Today*, and CNBC’s *Power Lunch*, *Morning Call*, and *Squawkbox* programs, as well as being featured in *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *The National Law Journal*, and the *New York Law Journal*.

EDUCATION: Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S., Economics, 1991. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**BLAIR A. NICHOLAS** is a senior and managing partner of the firm and widely recognized as one of the leading securities and consumer litigators in the country. He has extensive experience representing prominent private and public institutional investors in high-stakes actions involving federal and state securities and consumer laws, accountants’ liability, market manipulation, antitrust violations, shareholder appraisal actions, and corporate governance matters. Mr. Nicholas has recovered billions of dollars in courts throughout the nation on behalf of some of the largest mutual funds, investment managers, insurance companies, public pension plans, sovereign wealth funds, and hedge funds in North America and Europe.

Mr. Nicholas has been widely and prominently recognized in national legal publications for his exemplary achievements on behalf of prominent institutional investors. His professional honors and recognitions include being named an “Attorney of the Year” by *The Recorder*; a “Litigation Star” by *Benchmark Litigation*; a “Recommended Lawyer in M&A Related Shareholder Litigation” by *Legal 500*; a “Top Attorney in San Diego” by *The New York Times*; a “Southern California Super Lawyer” and a “San Diego Super Lawyer” by *Super Lawyers*; one of the “Top 20 Lawyers Under 40” by the *Daily Journal*; a “Leading Lawyer in Commercial Litigation” by *Best Lawyers in America*; and one of the “Fab Fifty Young Litigators” by *The American Lawyer*.

In addition, *Lawdragon* magazine has named Mr. Nicholas one of the “100 Securities Litigators You Need To Know,” and regularly names him one of the “500 Leading Lawyers in America.” He was recently featured by *Lawdragon* as a leading lawyer in America as part of its “Lawyer Limelight” special series, which published a profile discussing his career achievements. Profiled as a “Rainmaker” by prominent legal newswire *Law360*, Mr. Nicholas was recently the subject of a special feature in which he shared some anecdotes and insights into his commitment to representing institutional investor clients.



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Mr. Nicholas is also a frequent commentator in nationally circulated news articles, lectures at institutional investor and continuing legal educational conferences throughout the United States, and has written numerous articles relating to the application of the securities laws.

### Representative Cases

On behalf of institutional investor clients, Mr. Nicholas currently serves, and has served in prior litigation, as counsel in a wide variety of high-profile actions. Select representations include the following:

- *Vale S.A. Securities Litigation* – Representing public pension funds as lead plaintiffs in a securities fraud action against Brazilian mining company Vale S.A. and certain of its top executives. The case relates to the recent catastrophic collapse of the massive Fundão mining dam, which killed at least 17 people, destroyed an entire city, and polluted numerous rivers and other waterways.
- *Safeway Appraisal* – Retained by prominent institutional stockholder and resolved appraisal claim for a 26% premium over the buyout price. By proactively exercising its appraisal rights and not passively accepting the buyout price approved by other shareholders, BLB&G's institutional client received over \$105 million in additional proceeds over the buyout price.
- *RMBS Trustee Actions* – Currently representing BlackRock, PIMCO, and nine other prominent institutional investors in six representative actions pending in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York against the principal financial crisis-era RMBS trustee banks: U.S. Bank National Association; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas; The Bank of New York Mellon; Wells Fargo; HSBC Bank USA, National Association; and Citibank N.A. The actions are brought by the plaintiffs in their representative capacity on behalf of over 2,200 RMBS trusts issued between 2004 and 2008. The suits allege that the trustees breached contractual, statutory and common law duties owed to the trusts and certificate-holders.
- *Petrobras Direct Actions* – Currently representing prominent life insurance companies, mutual fund complexes, public pension funds, and other institutional money managers concerning direct claims against Petroleo Brasileiro to recover damages incurred as a result of the corruption scandal at the Brazilian oil giant, the largest corruption scandal in Brazil's history.
- *AIG Direct Action* – Representing PIMCO in a direct action against American International Group (AIG) arising out of the insurer's massive undisclosed exposure to the housing and subprime mortgage markets in the years leading up to the financial crisis.
- *Towers Watson Appraisal* – Representing a prominent mutual fund complex and other institutional investors who are asserting their shareholder appraisal rights in connection with the merger of Towers Watson & Co. with Willis Group Holdings plc.
- *ARCP Direct Actions* – Currently representing BlackRock, PIMCO, and other prominent institutional investors pursuing direct actions against American Realty Capital Properties (k/n/a VEREIT, Inc.) to recover damages incurred as a result of a multi-year accounting fraud at one of the largest real estate investment trusts in the world.
- *Genworth Securities Litigation* – Represented public pension fund as co-lead counsel in a securities fraud action resolved for \$219 million, pending court approval, which is the largest recovery ever obtained in a securities class action in Virginia.
- *Jarden Appraisal* – Representing prominent institutional investor asserting its shareholder appraisal rights in connection with the \$15 billion acquisition of Jarden Corporation by Newell Rubbermaid Inc.
- *Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation* – Representing pension and Taft-Hartley funds as the court-appointed lead plaintiffs in a securities fraud action against Wilmington Trust Corporation and certain of its former top executives.



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- *Tyco Direct Action* – Lead Counsel on behalf of prominent mutual funds, hedge funds and a public pension fund in a direct action against Tyco International and certain of its former officers, which was successfully resolved for over \$105 million.
- *International Rectifier Securities Litigation* – Co-Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resolved for \$90 million.
- *AXA Rosenberg Breach of Fiduciary Duty Action* – Recovered over \$65 million for investors in AXA Rosenberg’s funds and strategies who incurred losses as a result of an error in the company’s quantitative investment model.
- *Maxim Integrated Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in a stock options backdating action which resulted in \$173 million cash for investors – the largest backdating recovery in the Ninth Circuit.
- *Dendreon Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resulting in \$40 million cash settlement for investors.
- *Qwest Direct Action* – Represented prominent mutual funds in a direct action which resulted in significant and confidential recovery.
- *Legato Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resolved for \$85 million.
- *Gemstar Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in a securities fraud action which was successfully resolved for \$92.5 million.
- *Countrywide Equity Direct Action* – Represented seventeen prominent institutional investors, including many of the largest in the world, in a direct action that was successfully and confidentially resolved against Countrywide Financial, certain of its former executive officers, and KPMG LLP.
- *BP Direct Action* – Currently representing prominent institutional investors against British Petroleum and certain of its former officers arising out of the Company’s material false statements and omissions about its safety practices and the severity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- *Williams Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in a securities fraud action resolved for \$311 million.
- *Marsh & McLennan Direct Action* – Successfully resolved direct securities action against Marsh & McLennan on behalf of several prominent mutual funds.
- *Informix Securities Litigation* – Co-Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resolved for \$142 million.
- *Toyota Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resulting in \$25.5 million settlement arising out of Toyota’s concealment of unintended acceleration.
- *Clarent Securities Litigation* – Co-Lead Trial Counsel in a securities fraud action prosecuted in the Northern District of California. After a four-week jury trial, in which Mr. Nicholas delivered the closing argument, the jury returned a rare securities fraud verdict in favor of the shareholders against the Company’s former CEO.
- *Countrywide RMBS Direct Action* – Represented prominent institutional investors, including money managers and insurance companies, in a direct action that was successfully and confidentially resolved against Countrywide Financial.
- *LIBOR Manipulation Actions* – Currently representing the Los Angeles County Employees’ Retirement Association and the County of Riverside in actions on behalf of investors and municipalities who were damaged by the LIBOR rate-setting banks conspiracy to manipulate this critical financial benchmark.



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- *Morgan Stanley RMBS Direct Action* – Currently representing two prominent insurance companies against Morgan Stanley arising out of its fraudulent sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.
- *Network Associates Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resolved for \$70 million.
- *J.P. Morgan RMBS Direct Action* – Representing a prominent insurance company in an action alleging fraud claims arising from J.P. Morgan's sale of residential mortgage pass-through certificates.
- *Finova Securities Litigation* – Lead Counsel in securities fraud action resolved for \$42 million.
- *Deutsche Bank RMBS Direct Action* – Successfully represented a prominent institutional investor in a securities fraud action against Deutsche Bank arising out of its fraudulent sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.
- *Assisted Living Concepts* – As Lead Counsel for the Class, obtained settlement for \$12 million in cash, subject to Court approval.
- *Valeant Direct Actions* – Currently representing prominent mutual fund complexes, insurance companies, pension funds, hedge funds, international investment trusts, and other institutional money managers pursuing direct claims against Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. arising out of a high-profile securities and accounting fraud.
- *IAC/InterActiveCorp Derivative Action* – Currently representing CalPERS in a corporate governance action on behalf of minority stockholders of IAC/InterActiveCorp, challenging a scheme by the company's controlling stockholder, Barry Diller, to create a new, non-voting class of stock for the express purpose of entrenching Diller as IAC's controlling stockholder in perpetuity.

Mr. Nicholas frequently lectures at institutional investor and continuing legal educational conferences throughout the United States. He has written numerous articles relating to the application of the federal and state securities laws.

Mr. Nicholas also oversees the firm's *Real-Time Speakers Series*, webinars that feature candid conversations with academics, policy makers, commentators and other experts about the financial markets and issues of importance to the institutional investor community. He has co-hosted several of its recent episodes, including:

- “Supreme Court Vacancy, Its Impact Now and for the Future” with guest speaker Erwin Chemerinsky (May 2016)
- “Control And The Imperial CEO – A Conversation with Professor Bill Black” (February 2016)

Mr. Nicholas is a Fellow at the American College of Investment Counsel (ACIC) and a member of the Council of Institutional Investors (CII) Markets Advisory Council. He is also an active member of both the Litigation Group and Securities Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association (ABA) and serves on the Affiliate Membership Committee for the California State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS). He is an active member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego, Consumer Attorneys of California, Litigation Section of the State Bar of California, and the San Diego County Bar Association, as well as a former Vice President of the Executive Committee of the San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is also an active member of a variety of state, regional and national organizations dedicated to investor education and advocacy, including the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA) and the California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS).

**EDUCATION:** University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., Economics. University of San Diego School of Law, J.D.; Lead Articles Editor of the *San Diego Law Review*.



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**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California; U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

**SALVATORE J. GRAZIANO** is widely recognized as one of the top securities litigators in the country. He has served as lead trial counsel in a wide variety of major securities fraud class actions, recovering billions of dollars on behalf of institutional investors and hedge fund clients.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Mr. Graziano has successfully litigated many high-profile cases, including: *Merck & Co., Inc. (Vioxx) Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.); *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.); *New York State Teachers' Retirement System v. General Motors Co.* (E.D. Mich.); *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Raytheon Sec. Litig.* (D. Mass.); *In re Refco Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re MicroStrategy, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (E.D. Va.); *In re Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); and *In re New Century Sec. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.).

Industry observers, peers and adversaries routinely honor Mr. Graziano for his accomplishments. He is one of the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” in the nation according to *Benchmark Litigation*, which credits him for performing “top quality work.” *Chambers USA* describes Mr. Graziano as “wonderfully talented...a smart, aggressive lawyer who works hard for his clients,” while *Legal 500* praises him as a “highly effective litigator.” Heralded as one of a handful of Class Action MVPs in the nation by *Law360*, he is also one of *Lawdragon’s* 500 Leading Lawyers in America, named as a leading mass tort and plaintiff class action litigator by *Best Lawyers*®, and as a *New York Super Lawyer*.

A managing partner of the firm, Mr. Graziano has previously served as the President of the National Association of Shareholder & Consumer Attorneys, and has served as a member of the Financial Reporting Committee and the Securities Regulation Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He regularly lectures on securities fraud litigation and shareholder rights.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Graziano served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office.

**EDUCATION:** New York University College of Arts and Science, B.A., psychology, *cum laude*, 1988. New York University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1991.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits.

**DAVID R. STICKNEY** practices in the firm’s California office, where he focuses on complex litigation in state and federal courts nationwide at both the trial court and appellate levels. Mr. Stickney has represented institutions and individuals in high-profile and historic cases. He has litigated virtually all types of securities cases, including claims under the Securities and Exchange Acts of 1933 and 1934, fraud and non-disclosure cases under state blue-sky laws and myriad additional types of actions.

Mr. Stickney has prosecuted and, together with his partners, successfully resolved a number of the firm’s significant cases. Among such cases are *In re McKesson Sec. Litig.*, recovering \$1.023 billion, the largest settlement in history for any securities class action within the Ninth Circuit; *In re Lehman Brothers Debt/Equity Sec. Litig.*, which settled for \$615 million; *In re Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificate Litigation*, recovering \$500 million; *Plaintiff vs. Wall Street Banks*, recovering \$382 million; *Public Employees Ret. Sys. of Miss. vs. Merrill Lynch & Co.*, recovering \$325 million; *Wyatt v. El Paso Corp.*, which settled for \$285 million; *Public*



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*Employees Ret. Sys. of Miss. vs. JP Morgan*, which settled for \$280 million; *In re Genworth Fin. Inc., Sec. Litig.*, settlement pending for \$219 million; *BFA Liquidation Trust v. Arthur Andersen LLP*, which settled during trial for \$217 million; *In re Wells Fargo Mortgage Pass-Through Certificate Litig.*, which settled for \$125 million; *Public Employees Ret. Sys. of Miss. vs. Morgan Stanley*, which settled for \$95 million; *In re Lumber Liquidators Sec. Litig.*; *In re Sunpower Corp.*; *Atlas v. Accredited Home Lenders Holding Company*; *In re Connetics Inc.*; *In re Stone Energy Corp.*; *In re WSB Financial Group Sec. Litig.*; *In re Dura Pharmaceuticals Inc. Sec. Litig.*; *In re EMAC Sec. Litig.*, and additional cases.

Mr. Stickney has prosecuted claims arising from a wide variety of industries, including finance and banking, accounting services, retail, automotive, software and technology, telecommunications, education, healthcare, pharmaceutical, energy oil and gas, transportation and shipping, real estate, forestry, insurance and others. He is currently responsible for a number of the firm's prominent cases, including litigation involving *Cobalt*, *Rayonier*, *Apollo Education Group* and others.

In March 2016, *The Recorder* selected Mr. Stickney as a Groundbreaker for his work recovering billions of dollars from sellers of toxic mortgage securities. *The Daily Journal* named Mr. Stickney as one of the top 30 plaintiff lawyers in California for 2016. In November 2014, *Law360* profiled Mr. Stickney in "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar: David Stickney," and he was the subject of "Class Action MVP," one of only four litigators selected nationally. Mr. Stickney was recognized in 2008-2016 as a Super Lawyer in *San Diego Super Lawyers* and in the Corporate Counsel edition of *Super Lawyers* (published by *Law and Politics*). He was also selected by *Lawdragon* for "500 Leading Lawyers in America," and was named as a "Litigation Star" and a "Rising Star" in *Benchmark – The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*, one of only 40 attorneys selected to this list in California.

Mr. Stickney lectures on securities litigation and shareholder matters for seminars and programs sponsored by professional organizations. He has also authored and co-authored several articles concerning securities litigation and class actions.

During 1996-1997, Mr. Stickney served as law clerk to the Honorable Bailey Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

**EDUCATION:** University of California, Davis, B.A., 1993. University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1996; Jacob B. Cox Scholar; Lead Articles Editor of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Central Districts of California; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Circuits; U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

**JOHN C. BROWNE**'s practice focuses on the prosecution of securities fraud class actions. He represents the firm's institutional investor clients in jurisdictions throughout the country and has been a member of the trial teams of some of the most high-profile securities fraud class actions in history.

Mr. Browne was Lead Counsel in the *In re Citigroup, Inc. Bond Action Litigation*, which resulted in a \$730 million cash recovery – the second largest recovery ever achieved for a class of purchasers of debt securities. It is also the second largest civil settlement arising out of the subprime meltdown and financial crisis. Mr. Browne was also a member of the team representing the New York State Common Retirement Fund in *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which culminated in a five-week trial against Arthur Andersen LLP and a recovery for investors of over \$6.19 billion – one of the largest securities fraud recoveries in history.



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Other notable litigations in which Mr. Browne served as Lead Counsel on behalf of shareholders include *In re Refco Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$407 million settlement, *In re the Reserve Fund Securities and Derivative Litigation*, which settled for more than \$54 million, *In re King Pharmaceuticals Litigation*, which settled for \$38.25 million, *In re RAIT Financial Trust Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$32 million, and *In re SFBC Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$28.5 million.

Most recently, Mr. Browne served as lead counsel in the *In re BNY Mellon Foreign Exchange Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$180 million, *In re State Street Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$60 million, and the *Anadarko Petroleum Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$12.5 million. Mr. Browne also represents the firm's institutional investor clients in the appellate courts, and has argued appeals in the Second Circuit, Third Circuit and, most recently, the Fifth Circuit, where he successfully argued the appeal in the *In re Amedisys Securities Litigation*.

In recognition for his achievements, *Law360* named Mr. Browne a "Class Action MVP," one of only four litigators selected nationally. He is also named a *New York Super Lawyer*, and is recommended by *Legal 500* for his work in securities litigation.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Browne was an attorney at Latham & Watkins, where he had a wide range of experience in commercial litigation, including defending corporate officers and directors in securities class actions and derivative suits, and representing major corporate clients in state and federal court litigations and arbitrations.

Mr. Browne has been a panelist at various continuing legal education programs offered by the American Law Institute ("ALI") and has authored and co-authored numerous articles relating to securities litigation.

**EDUCATION:** James Madison University, B.A., Economics, *magna cum laude*, 1994. Cornell Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1998; Editor of the *Cornell Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third and Fifth Circuits.

**MARK LEBOVITCH** heads the firm's corporate governance litigation practice, focusing on derivative suits and transactional litigation. Working with his institutional investor clients, he has helped develop critical new law in the fight to hold management accountable by aggressively pursuing meaningful and novel challenges to alleged corporate governance related misconduct and anti-shareholder practices.

Selected current and past representations include:

- *In re DISH Corp. Shareholder Litigation*: derivative suit challenging misappropriation and front-running by a controlling shareholder, costing investors over \$800 million;
- *Insys Derivative Litigation*: challenging a board-approved illegal marketing scheme that actively encouraged off-label marketing of a deadly opioid fentanyl drug;
- *In re TIBCO Software Stockholder Litigation*: pursued novel and precedent-setting merger agreement reformation claims and received 33% of potential damages shortly before trial;
- *In re Freeport-McMoRan Derivative Litigation*: settled for a cash recovery of nearly \$154 million, plus corporate governance reforms;
- *In re Jefferies, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*: settled for a \$75 million net payment paid entirely to a class of former Jefferies investor through a first-of-its-kind dividend;



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- *Safeway Appraisal Litigation*: provided clients with a nearly 30% increase in value above the negotiated merger consideration;
- *In re News Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*: settled for a \$139 million cash recovery, and an unprecedented package of corporate governance and oversight enhancements;
- *In re El Paso Corp. Shareholder Litigation*: resulted in a \$110 million post-closing settlement and a ruling that materially improved the way M&A financial advisors address conflicts of interest;
- *In re Delphi Financial Group Shareholder Litigation*: challenged the controlling shareholder's unlawful demand for an additional \$55 million in connection with the sale of the company, resulting in the recovery of \$49 million;
- *In re Pfizer Derivative Litigation*: resulted in a \$75 million payment and creation of a new Healthcare Law Regulatory Committee, which sets an improved standard for regulatory compliance oversight by a public company board of directors; and
- *In re ACS Shareholder Litigation*: settled on the eve of trial for a \$69 million cash payment to ACS shareholders.

Mr. Lebovitch pioneered challenges to the improper but widespread practice of using “Proxy Put” provisions in corporate debt agreements, obtaining pro-shareholder rulings in cases like *In re Amylin Shareholders Litigation*, *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, and *In re Healthways, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, which have caused the industry to materially change its use of such provisions. He also prosecutes securities litigations, and in that capacity, was the lead litigation attorney in *In re Merrill Lynch Bondholders Litigation*, which settled for \$150 million; and a member of the team prosecuting *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$2.425 billion. Currently, he is the lead attorney prosecuting *In re Allergan Proxy Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Lebovitch has received national recognition for his work in securities and M&A litigation. He was selected 2016 national “Plaintiff Attorney of the Year” by *Benchmark Litigation* and is regularly honored as a New York “Litigation Star” by *Benchmark* in its exclusive annual list of top practitioners. Named a leading lawyer in M&A litigation by *Best Lawyers®*, Mr. Lebovitch was selected as its 2016 M&A Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” for New York City. He is one of *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Lawyers in America,” a *New York Super Lawyer*, and is recognized by *Chambers USA* and *Legal 500* as one of an elite group of notable practitioners in securities and M&A litigation. In 2013, *Law360* named him as one of its five “Rising Stars” nationally in the area of securities litigation – the only plaintiff-side attorney so selected. In 2012, *The Deal* magazine prominently profiled Mr. Lebovitch as one of the top three lawyers nationally representing shareholder plaintiffs in M&A litigation in its feature article, “The Troika Atop the M&A Plaintiffs’ Bar.”

Mr. Lebovitch is a member of the Board of Advisors for both the Institute for Law and Economics and the NYU Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance, and is an author and a frequent speaker and commentator at industry events on a wide range of corporate governance and securities related issues. His publications include “Of Babies and Bathwater: Deterring Frivolous Stockholder Suits Without Closing the Courthouse Doors to Legitimate Claims,” “Making Order Out of Chaos: A Proposal To Improve Organization and Coordination in Multi-Jurisdictional Merger-Related Litigation,” “‘Novel Issues’ or a Return to Core Principles? Analyzing the Common Link Between the Delaware Chancery Court’s Recent Rulings in Option Backdating and Transactional Cases” (*NYU Journal of Law & Business*, Volume 4, Number 2), “Calling a Duck a Duck: Determining the Validity of Deal Protection Provisions in Merger of Equals Transactions” (2001 *Columbia Business Law Review* 1) and “Practical Refinement” (*The Daily Deal*, January 2002), each of which discussed evolving developments in the law of directors’ fiduciary duties.



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Mr. Lebovitch clerked for Vice Chancellor Stephen P. Lamb on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, and was a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York, where he represented clients in a variety of corporate governance, commercial and federal securities matters.

**EDUCATION:** Binghamton University – State University of New York, B.A., *cum laude*, 1996. New York University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1999.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**HANNAH ROSS** is involved in a variety of the firm's litigation practice areas, focusing in particular on securities fraud, shareholder rights and other complex commercial matters. She has over a decade of experience as a civil and criminal litigator, and represents the firm's institutional investor clients as counsel in a number of major pending actions.

A key member and leader of trial teams that have recovered billions of dollars for investors, Ms. Ross is widely recognized by industry observers for her professional achievements. Named a "Future Star" and one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in the nation by *Benchmark*, she has earned praise from *Legal 500 US* for her achievements, and is one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America," part of an exclusive list of the top practitioners in the nation as compiled by leading legal journal *Lawdragon*.

Ms. Ross was a senior member of the team that prosecuted *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a landmark settlement shortly before trial of \$2.425 billion, one of the largest securities recoveries ever obtained. In addition, she led the prosecution against Washington Mutual and certain of its former officers and directors for alleged fraudulent conduct in the thrift's home lending operations, an action which settled for \$208.5 million and represents one of the largest settlements achieved in a case related to the fallout of the subprime crisis and the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in the Western District of Washington. Ms. Ross was also a key member of the team prosecuting *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$202.75 million, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia and the second largest recovery ever in the Fourth Circuit.

Most recently, Ms. Ross is a key member of the team that has obtained \$204.4 million in partial settlements in the securities litigation arising from the collapse of former leading brokerage MF Global, currently pending court approval. She is also prosecuting a number of high-profile securities class actions, including the litigation arising from the failure of major mid-Atlantic bank Wilmington Trust, as well as securities fraud class actions against payday lending company, DFC Global Corp.; home healthcare and pharmaceuticals company, BioScrip, Inc.; and Altisource Portfolio Solutions, a provider of support and technology services for mortgage loan servicing.

She has been a member of the trial teams in numerous other major securities litigations which have resulted in recoveries for investors in excess of \$2 billion. Among other matters, Ms. Ross prosecuted the securities class action against New Century Financial Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") as well as *In re Tronox Securities Litigation*, *In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation*, *In re Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation* and *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Ms. Ross handles *pro bono* matters on behalf of the firm and has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the trial advocacy program at the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University.



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Before joining BLB&G, Ms. Ross was a prosecutor in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office as well as an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex County (Massachusetts) District Attorney's Office.

**EDUCATION:** Cornell University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1995. The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, J.D., *with distinction*, 1998; Woolsack Honor Society; Comments Editor of the *Dickinson Law Review*; D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Massachusetts; New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**TIMOTHY A. DELANGE** practices in the firm's California office, where he focuses on complex litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. He has extensive experience representing prominent private and public institutional investors in class actions, individual actions and derivative cases. Mr. DeLange is a senior member of the firm's team representing investors who were harmed by the abusive practices of the many players in the mortgage lending arena. He is currently in charge of litigation on behalf of numerous institutions that invested directly in mortgage-backed securities, including litigation involving *Morgan Stanley, Bear Stearns, JPMorgan*, and others.

Since joining the firm, Mr. DeLange has prosecuted and successfully resolved a number of prominent securities class actions, recovering billions of dollars on behalf of investors. Most recently, along with his partners, Mr. DeLange led the litigation against Washington Mutual, which settled for \$208.5 million, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in the Western District of Washington. In addition, he served as co-lead counsel on behalf of institutional investors in *In re Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$173 million and represents the largest stock option backdating settlement reached in the Ninth Circuit and the third-largest backdating settlement overall. Among other major cases are *In re McKesson Securities Litigation*, which settled before trial for a total of over \$1.04 billion, the largest settlement amount in history for any securities class action within the Ninth Circuit; *In re Accredo Health, Inc.*, which settled less than 6 weeks before trial for \$33 million; *In re HCA, Inc.*, which settled for \$20 million; and *In re Network Associates Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$70 million.

Mr. DeLange lectures on securities litigation and institutional investor interests and has authored and co-authored several articles concerning securities litigation and class actions.

**EDUCATION:** University of California, Riverside, B.A., 1994. University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 1997; Recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Contracts.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

**DAVID L. WALES**, an experienced trial and appellate attorney, prosecutes class and private actions in both federal and state courts, specializing in complex commercial and securities litigation, as well as arbitrations.

He has taken more than 15 cases to trial, including obtaining a jury verdict for more than \$11 million in a derivative action against the general partner of a hedge fund, and a multi-million dollar class action settlement with an accounting firm reached during trial.

Mr. Wales has extensive experience litigating securities fraud class actions, derivative actions, shareholders rights and residential mortgage backed securities ("RMBS") cases. He has led or is currently lead or co-lead counsel in the following cases:



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- *In Re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation*, a certified class action on behalf of investors in Merck Securities;
- *In Re Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. Capex Litigation*;
- *In Re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*; and
- *In Re Intuitive Surgical Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

As lead trial counsel in numerous securities class actions and derivative actions, as well as actions on behalf of private clients, he has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of institutional investor clients. Some of his significant recoveries include:

- *In Re Citigroup Inc. Bond Litigation*, a class action on behalf of investors in numerous securities offerings (\$730 million settlement);
- *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc.*, \$315 million settlement in a class action on behalf of investors in RMBS;
- *In re Pfizer Inc. Shareholder Derivative Action*, a \$75 million settlement and substantial corporate governance changes in a derivative action;
- *In Re Jefferies Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, a \$70 million settlement on behalf of shareholders in the sale of the company;
- *Bayernische Landesbank v. Deutsche Bank, A.G.*, private action on behalf of institutional investor in RMBS;
- *TIAA-CREF v. Dexia Holdings and Deutsche Bank, A.G.*, two consolidated private actions on behalf of institutional investors in RMBS;
- *In re Sepracor Corp. Securities Litigation*, a \$52.5 million recovery in a securities fraud class action;
- *In re Cablevision Systems Corp. Derivative Litigation*, a \$34.4 million settlement in a back dated stock option action;
- *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Goldman Sachs Group Inc.*, a class action on behalf of investors in RMBS (\$25.3 million settlement on behalf of RMBS investors);
- *In re Marque Partners LP Derivative Action*, an \$11 million jury verdict in a derivative action; and
- *In re Jennifer Convertibles Securities Litigation*, a \$9.55 million recovery in a securities fraud class action, part of the recovery obtained in the middle of trial.

His representative clients have included a variety of public pension funds, Taft-Hartley pension funds, insurance companies, banks, hedge funds and private investment funds.

As a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Mr. Wales specialized in investigating and prosecuting fraud and white collar criminal cases.

A member of the Federal Bar Council and the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, he is rated AV, the highest rating possible from Martindale-Hubbell®, the country's foremost legal directory. He is also regularly recognized as *New York Super Lawyer* for his work in securities litigation by *Super Lawyers*.

**EDUCATION:** State University of New York at Albany, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1984. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 1987; Notes and Comments Editor for the *Journal of Law and Technology*.



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**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; District of Columbia; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Trial Bar.

**AVI JOSEFSON** prosecutes securities fraud litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients, and has participated in many of the firm's significant representations, including *In re SCOR Holding (Switzerland) AG Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery worth in excess of \$143 million for investors. He was also a member of the team that litigated the *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a settlement of \$92.4 million.

As a member of the firm's New Matter department, Mr. Josefson counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims. He has presented argument in several federal and state courts, including an appeal he argued before the Delaware Supreme Court.

Mr. Josefson is also actively involved in the M&A litigation practice, and represented shareholders in the litigation arising from the proposed acquisitions of Ceridian Corporation and Anheuser-Busch. A member of the firm's subprime litigation team, he has participated in securities fraud actions arising from the collapse of subprime mortgage lender American Home Mortgage and the actions against Lehman Brothers, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch, arising from those banks' multi-billion dollar loss from mortgage-backed investments. Mr. Josefson has prosecuted actions against Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley arising from their sale of mortgage-backed securities, and is advising U.S. and foreign institutions concerning similar claims arising from investments in mortgage-backed securities.

Mr. Josefson practices in the firm's Chicago and New York Offices.

**EDUCATION:** Brandeis University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1997. Northwestern University, J.D., 2000; *Dean's List*; Justice Stevens Public Interest Fellowship (1999); Public Interest Law Initiative Fellowship (2000).

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Illinois, New York; U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York and the Northern District of Illinois.

**JOHN RIZIO-HAMILTON** is involved in a variety of the firm's litigation practice areas, focusing specifically on securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights. He currently represents the firm's institutional investor clients as counsel in a number of major pending actions, including the securities class action arising from Facebook's IPO, captioned *In re Facebook, Inc. IPO Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Rizio-Hamilton was a member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$2.425 billion, the single largest securities class action recovery ever resolving violations of Sections 14(a) and 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, and one of the top securities litigation settlements obtained of all time. He also served as counsel on behalf of the institutional investor plaintiffs in *In re Citigroup, Inc. Bond Action Litigation*, which settled for \$730 million, the second largest recovery ever in a securities class action brought on behalf of purchasers of debt securities. In addition, Mr. Rizio-Hamilton was a member of the team that prosecuted the *In re Wachovia Corp. Bond/Notes Litigation*, in which the firm recovered a total of \$627 million on behalf of investors, one of the 15 largest securities class action recoveries in history. Most recently, he served as a key member of the team that recovered \$150 million for investors in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising out of misrepresentations and omissions concerning JPMorgan's Chief Investment Office, the company's risk management systems, and the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale."



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Mr. Rizio-Hamilton has also been a member of the trial teams in several additional securities litigations through which the firm has successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of injured investors. Among other matters, he was part of the trial teams that prosecuted *Eastwood Enterprises LLC v. WellCare, In re MBIA, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re RAIT Financial Trust Securities Litigation*.

For his remarkable accomplishments, Mr. Rizio-Hamilton was recognized by *Law360* as one of the country's "Top Attorneys Under 40," and a national "Rising Star" in the area of class action litigation.

Before joining BLB&G, Mr. Rizio-Hamilton clerked for the Honorable Chester J. Straub of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**EDUCATION:** The Johns Hopkins University, B.A., *with honors*, 1997. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*; Editor-in-Chief of the *Brooklyn Law Review*; first-place winner of the J. Braxton Craven Memorial Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District for the Southern District of New York.

**BENJAMIN GALDSTON** practices in the firm's California office and focuses on complex litigation, securities fraud class actions, and derivative and corporate governance matters. Mr. Galdston has participated in the prosecution and resolution of many of the firm's most significant matters, including *In re Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.*, which recovered more than \$735 million for Lehman Brothers shareholders, and *In re McKesson HBOC Securities Litigation*, which settled for more than \$1 billion the largest settlement recovery for a securities class action within the Ninth Circuit. He is currently litigating shareholder and derivative claims in *Government of Guam v. Invacare, et al.; Deerfield Beach Police Pension Fund v. Quality Systems, Inc.*; and *Anderson v. Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc.*; as well as representing class plaintiffs in antitrust litigation arising from the manipulation of LIBOR.

Mr. Galdston also has participated in prosecuting some of the firm's most significant matters, including *In re Citigroup Bond Litigation*; *In re Toyota Securities Litigation*; *In re Wachovia Corp. Securities Litigation*; *In re SunPower Corp.; West Virginia Laborers' Trust Fund v. STEC, Inc.*; *In re Washington Mutual, Inc. Securities Litigation*; *In re Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. Securities Litigation*; *In re New Century*; *In re International Rectifier Corp. Securities Litigation*; and *In re Stone Energy Corp. Securities Litigation*. Mr. Galdston has represented institutional investors in individual direct actions, as well, including *In re AXA Rosenberg Investor Litigation*, which asserted claims under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and *In re EMAC Securities Litigation*, a direct action arising from a private offering of asset-backed securities.

Mr. Galdston earned his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Galdston served on the Moot Court Board, competed in national Moot Court tournaments and directed the University of San Diego School of Law National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Tournament. Following law school, Mr. Galdston represented investors in securities fraud actions at another national law firm.

Previously, Mr. Galdston was the sole proprietor of Litigation Support Systems, where he designed, constructed and maintained relational document databases for small law firms litigating document-intensive cases. He has authored several articles concerning e-discovery practice in the federal courts.

Mr. Galdston is a member of the California Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, and is a former president of the Greater San Diego Barristers Club.



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**EDUCATION:** Oberlin College, B.A., Sociology and Soviet Area Studies, 1989. University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2000; American Trial Lawyers' Association Book Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Appellate Advocacy, American Jurisprudence Award for Property, and the Computer Assisted Learning Institute Award for Excellence.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

**JAMES A. HARROD**'s practice focuses on representing the firm's institutional investor clients in securities fraud-related matters. He has over seventeen years' experience prosecuting complex litigation in federal courts.

Over the course of his career, he has obtained over a billion dollars on behalf of investor classes. His high-profile cases include *In re Motorola Securities Litigation*, in which he was a key member of the team that represented the State of New Jersey's Division of Investment and obtained a \$190 million recovery three days before trial. Recently, Mr. Harrod represented the class of investors in the securities litigation against General Motors arising from GM's recall of vehicles with defective ignition switches, and recovered \$300 million for investors – the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Harrod represented institutional investors in several cases concerning the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities prior to the financial crisis. He worked on the team that recovered \$500 million for investors in *In re Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation*, which brought claims related to the issuance of mortgage pass-through certificates during 2006 and 2007. In a similar action, *Plumbers' & Pipefitters' Local #562 Supplemental Plan & Trust v. J.P. Morgan Acceptance Corp. I*, he recovered \$280 million on behalf of a class of investors. Other mortgage-backed securities cases that Mr. Harrod worked on include *In re Lehman Bros. Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation* (\$40 million recovery), and *Tsereteli v. Residential Asset Securitization Trust 2006-A8* (\$10.9 million recovery).

Among his other notable recoveries are *The Department of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.* (class recovery of \$84 million); *Anwar, et al., v. Fairfield Greenwich Limited* (settlement valued at \$80 million); *In re Service Corporation International* (\$65 million recovery); *Danis v. USN Communications, Inc.* (\$44.6 million recovery); *In re Tower Group International, Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$20.5 million recovery); *In re Navistar International Securities Litigation* (\$13 million recovery); and *In re Sonus Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation-II* (\$9.5 million recovery).

In connection with his representation of institutional investors, he is a frequent speaker to public pension fund organizations and trustees concerning fiduciary duties, emerging issues in securities litigation and the financial markets.

Mr. Harrod is recognized as a New York *Super Lawyer* for his securities litigation achievements.

**EDUCATION:** Skidmore College, B.A.; George Washington University Law School, J.D.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Sixth and Seventh Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**JEROEN VAN KWAWEGEN** is a partner in the New York office of BLB&G. A senior member of the firm's Corporate Governance Litigation team, his practice focuses on the fiduciary duties of boards of directors and senior executives, shareholder appraisal actions, shareholder activism, and regulatory compliance. For his professional achievements, he has been recognized as a New York *Super Lawyer* and a New York "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters, and a leading practitioner in his field by *Legal 500 US*.



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Mr. van Kwawegen has extensive experience in litigation on behalf of shareholders involving the oversight of board and management misconduct. He has represented institutional investors in numerous high profile derivative actions, including actions involving Board entrenchment and shareholder voting rights violations, as well as merger and acquisitions disputes and shareholder appraisals. Mr. van Kwawegen has also prosecuted a variety of securities class actions on behalf of large institutional investors, including numerous matters relating to the credit crisis and disputes regarding the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.

Recent cases include:

- Representation of shareholders challenging the merger of Globe Specialty Metals with Grupo FerroAtlántica in Delaware Chancery Court resulting in \$32.5 million additional consideration for Globe shareholders and significant governance improvements for shareholders in the combined Globe/FerroAtlántica entity;
- Representation of a union-owned bank and public employee retirement fund from Louisiana in a derivative action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York asserting breach of fiduciary duty claims against Pfizer's board of directors in connection with off-label marketing of prescription drugs resulting in extensive corporate governance changes, including the establishment of a new Board committee and payment of \$75 million;
- Representation of shareholders in a derivative action in Maryland State Court challenging an unfair asset management agreement between Altisource Residential and its former sister company Altisource Asset Management resulting in a renegotiated asset management agreement and at least \$144 million in savings over the next five years;
- Representation of shareholders in a class and derivative action in Florida State Court challenging the adoption of new bylaws by the board of directors of Darden Restaurants in response to a shareholder activist resulting in the successful reversal of the new bylaws and withdrawal of a poison pill;
- Representation of European banks in common law fraud actions in New York State Court against JPMorgan, Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual in connection with the sale of \$5 billion in residential mortgage-backed securities;
- Representation of public employee retirement funds from Mississippi and California in a securities class action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Merrill Lynch concerning the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities, recovering \$315 million for the investor class; and
- Representation of public employee retirement fund from Louisiana in a class action in Delaware Chancery Court asserting breach of fiduciary duty claims against the largest shareholder and Chairman/CEO and a special committee of directors of Landry's Restaurants in connection with a proposed going-private transaction resulting in \$78.5 million recovery, including \$14.5 million for a novel sellers' class.

Mr. van Kwawegen is a frequent speaker at industry events on a wide range of corporate governance and securities related issues, and recently co-authored "Of Babies and Bathwater: Deterring Frivolous Stockholder Suits Without Closing the Courthouse Doors to Legitimate Claims," *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (DJCL), Vol. 40, 2015 (forthcoming).

**EDUCATION:** University of Amsterdam School of Law, LLM, 1998. Columbia University Law School, J.D., 2003; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.



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**KATHERINE M. SINDERSON** is involved in a variety of the firm's practice areas, including securities fraud, corporate governance, and advisory services. She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting securities class actions against Salix Pharmaceuticals, Dole, GNC and SunEdison, and litigation arising from the failure of the major mid-Atlantic bank, Wilmington Trust.

Most recently, Ms. Sinderson played a key role in two of the firm's largest cases in its history, both of which settled near trial for billions of dollars on behalf of investors. In *In re Merck Securities Litigation*, she was a member of the small trial team which resulted in a \$1.062 billion settlement. If approved by the Court, this settlement would be the second largest recovery ever obtained in the Third Circuit, one of the top 10 recoveries of all time, and the largest recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company. She was also a member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery of \$2.425 billion, the single largest securities class action recovery ever resolving violations of Sections 14(a) and 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act and one of the largest shareholder recoveries in history.

Ms. Sinderson has also been part of the trial teams in several additional securities litigations through which the firm has successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of injured investors. She was a member of the trial team that prosecuted the action against Washington Mutual, Inc. and certain of its former officers and directors for alleged fraudulent conduct in the thrift's home lending operations, an action which resulted in a recovery of \$208.5 million, one of the largest settlements achieved in a case related to the fallout of the subprime crisis and the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in the Western District of Washington. She was also a part of the trial teams that prosecuted the *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery of \$125 million, as well as *In re Biovail Corporation Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery of \$138 million for defrauded investors and represents the second largest recovery in any securities case involving a Canadian issuer.

Ms. Sinderson was recently recognized as a national "Rising Star" by *Law360* for her work in securities litigation. She was also named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List," which recognizes her as one the nation's most accomplished legal partners under the age of 40.

**EDUCATION:** Baylor University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2002. Georgetown University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2006; Dean's Scholar; Articles Editor for *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**JONATHAN D. USLANER** prosecutes securities class actions, individual investor actions, shareholder derivative litigation and antitrust litigation on behalf of the firm's clients.

Mr. Uslaner was a member of the trial team that prosecuted *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a historic settlement shortly before trial of \$2.43 billion, one of the largest shareholder recoveries ever obtained. He was also a senior member of the teams leading the prosecution in the actions captioned: *In re Genworth Financial, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$219 million; *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$150 million; *In re Wells Fargo Mortgage-Backed Certificates Litigation*, which settled for \$125 million; *In re Dendreon Securities Corp. Litigation*, which settled for \$40 million; and *Cambridge Place Investment Management Inc. v. Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., et al.*, a high-profile non-class litigation brought by an investment manager against over a dozen financial institutions, which settled on undisclosed terms. In addition, Mr. Uslaner was a member of the team that successfully brought a derivative action against the senior management and the Board of Directors of Pfizer, Inc., resulting in a \$75 million payment dedicated to improve the company's compliance with healthcare laws and extensive corporate governance reforms.



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Mr. Uslaner currently represents the firm's institutional investor clients as counsel in a number of significant actions, including the securities class actions against Facebook Inc. relating to its initial public offering. He is also representing the firm's clients in securities class actions brought against Rayonier Inc. and Cobalt relating to their misrepresentations to investors. In addition, he is representing the firm's clients in direct actions brought against American Realty Capital Properties and its former officers.

For his outstanding achievements, Mr. Uslaner has been recognized by *Law360* as a national "Rising Star" for his work in securities litigation, and has been named among the "Top 40 Under 40" legal professionals in California by the *Daily Journal*. He was also named to *Benchmark Litigation*'s "Under 40 Hot List," which honors the nation's most accomplished legal partners under the age of 40, and is regularly recognized as one of San Diego's "Rising Stars" by *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Uslaner has authored articles relating to class actions and the federal securities laws, including "Much More Than 'Housekeeping': Rule 23(c)(4) in Action" and "Keeping Plaintiffs in the Driver's Seat: The Supreme Court Rejects 'Pick-off' Settlement Offers," which were published by the American Bar Association. He currently serves as an editor of the ABA's *Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee's Newsletter*.

Mr. Uslaner is a member of the Board of Governors of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He is also a board member of Home of Guiding Hands, a non-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the San Diego community. Most recently, he was named "Volunteer of the Year" for 2015 for his work and contributions to the organization.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Uslaner was a senior litigation associate at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where he successfully prosecuted and defended claims from the discovery stage through trial. He also gained significant experience as a judicial extern for Justice Steven Wayne Smith of the Supreme Court of Texas and as a volunteer prosecutor for the City of Inglewood, California.

**EDUCATION:** Duke University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2001, William J. Griffith Award for Leadership; Chairperson, Duke University Undergraduate Publications Board. The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2005; University of Texas Presidential Academic Merit Fellowship; Articles Editor, *Texas Journal of Business Law*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; New York; U.S. District Courts for the Central and Northern Districts of California; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**JEREMY P. ROBINSON** has extensive experience in securities and civil litigation. Since joining BLB&G, Mr. Robinson has been involved in prosecuting many high-profile securities cases. He was an integral member of the teams that prosecuted significant securities cases such as *In re Refco Securities Litigation* (total recoveries in excess of \$425 million) and *In re WellCare Health Plans, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$200 million settlement, representing the second largest settlement of a securities case in Eleventh Circuit history). He served as counsel on behalf of the institutional investor plaintiffs in *In re Citigroup, Inc. Bond Action Litigation*, which settled for \$730 million, representing the second largest recovery ever in a securities class action brought on behalf of purchasers of debt securities and ranking among the fifteen largest recoveries in the history of securities class actions. He also recently represented investors in *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*, which settled for \$180 million, and in *In re Freeport-McMoRan Derivative Litigation*, which settled for a cash recovery of nearly \$154 million plus corporate governance reforms. He is presently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Allergan, Inc. Proxy Violation Securities Litigation*; *Fernandez et al. v. UBS AG et al.*; and *The Department of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.*



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In 2000-01, Mr. Robinson spent a year working with barristers and judges in London, England as a recipient of the Harold G. Fox Education Fund Scholarship. In 2005, Mr. Robinson completed his Master of Laws degree at Columbia Law School where he was honored as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

**EDUCATION:** Queen's University, Faculty of Law in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, LL.B., 1998; Best Brief in the Niagara International Moot Court Competition; David Sabbath Prizes in Contract Law and in Wills & Trusts Law. Columbia Law School, LL.M., 2005; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Ontario, Canada; New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**ADAM H. WIERZBOWSKI** has represented institutional investors and other plaintiffs in numerous complex litigations that include securities class actions and derivative suits.

Mr. Wierzbowski was a senior member of the team that recovered over \$1.06 billion (pending Court approval) on behalf of investors in *In re Merck Vioxx Securities Litigation*, which arose out of the Defendants' alleged misrepresentations about the cardiovascular safety of Merck's painkiller Vioxx. The case was settled just months before trial and after more than 10 years of litigation, during which time plaintiffs achieved a unanimous and groundbreaking victory for investors at the U.S. Supreme Court. If approved by the Court, the settlement would be the second largest recovery ever obtained in the Third Circuit, among the 15 largest recoveries of all time, and the largest securities recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company.

Mr. Wierzbowski was also a senior member of the team that achieved a total settlement of \$688 million on behalf of investors in *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, which related to Schering and Merck's alleged misrepresentations about the multi-billion dollar blockbuster drugs Vytorin and Zetia. The combined \$688 million in settlements is the third largest securities class action settlement in the Third Circuit and among the top 25 securities class action settlements of all time. The cases settled after nearly five years of litigation and less than a month before trial. In the *UnitedHealth Derivative Litigation*, which involved executives' illegal backdating of UnitedHealth stock options, Mr. Wierzbowski helped recover in excess of \$920 million from the individual Defendants. He also represented investors in the securities litigation against General Motors and certain of its senior executives stemming from that company's delayed recall of vehicles with defective ignition switches, where the parties recovered \$300 million for investors, in the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Wierzbowski has additionally played a key role in obtaining significant recoveries on behalf of investors in *Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Association v. Medtronic, Inc. et al.* (\$85 million recovery), and the *onster Worldwide Derivative Litigation* (recovery valued at \$32 million). He is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Bach v. Amedisys, Town of Davie Police Pension Plan v. Pier 1 Imports, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Altisource Portfolio Solutions, S.A. Securities Litigation*, and *In re Stericycle, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

In 2016, Mr. Wierzbowski was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List," in recognition of his achievements as one of the nation's most accomplished legal partners under the age of 40. He is also regularly named as one of *Super Lawyers*' New York "Rising Stars." No more than 2.5% of the lawyers in New York are selected to receive this honor each year.

**EDUCATION:** Dartmouth College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2000. The George Washington University Law School, J.D., *with honors*, 2003; Notes Editor for *The George Washington International Law Review*; Member of the Moot Court Board.



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BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third and Sixth Circuits.

**MICHAEL D. BLATCHLEY**'s practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. He is currently a member of the firm's New Matter department in which he, along with a team of attorneys, financial analysts, forensic accountants, and investigators, counsels the firm's clients on their legal claims.

Mr. Blatchley has also served as a member of the litigation teams responsible for prosecuting a number of the firm's significant cases. For example, Mr. Blatchley was a key member of the team that recovered \$150 million for investors in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising out of misrepresentations and omissions concerning JPMorgan's Chief Investment Office, the company's risk management systems, and the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale." He was also a member of the litigation team in *In re Medtronic, Inc. Securities Litigation*, an action arising out of allegations that Medtronic promoted the Infuse bone graft for dangerous "off-label" uses, which resulted in an \$85 million recovery for investors. In addition, Mr. Blatchley prosecuted a number of cases related to the financial crisis, including several actions arising out of wrongdoing related to the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities and other complex financial products. Currently, Mr. Blatchley is a member of the team prosecuting *In re Allergan, Inc. Proxy Violation Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Blatchley was recently named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List," which recognizes him as one the nation's most accomplished legal partners under the age of 40.

While attending Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Blatchley held a judicial internship position for the Honorable David G. Trager, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. In addition, he worked as an intern at The Legal Aid Society's Harlem Community Law Office, as well as at Brooklyn Law School's Second Look and Workers' Rights Clinics, and provided legal assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana.

EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin, B.A., 2000. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007; Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship, William Payson Richardson Memorial Prize, Richard Elliott Blyn Memorial Prize, Editor for the *Brooklyn Law Review*, Moot Court Honor Society.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York, New Jersey; U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York and the District of New Jersey.



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**G. ANTHONY GELDERMAN, III** heads the firm's Louisiana office and is responsible for the firm's institutional investor and client outreach. He is a frequent speaker at U.S. investor conferences and has written numerous articles on securities litigation and asset protection.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Gelderman served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, (1992-1996) and prior to that served as General Counsel to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury. Mr. Gelderman also coordinated all legislative matters for the State Treasurer during his tenure with the Treasury Department. Earlier in Mr. Gelderman's legal career, he served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz, Jr., Eastern District of Louisiana (1986-1987).

Mr. Gelderman is a former adjunct professor of law at the Tulane Law School where he has taught a course in legislative process.

Mr. Gelderman is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, where he served as Chairman for the Young Lawyers Continuing Legal Education Committee between 1990 and 1993, and the American Bar Association.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Louisiana; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Louisiana.

**KURT HUNCIKER**'s practice is concentrated in complex business and securities litigation. Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Hunciker represented clients in a number of class actions and other actions brought under the federal securities laws and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. He has also represented clients in actions brought under intellectual property laws, federal antitrust laws, and the common law governing business relationships.

Mr. Hunciker served as a member of the trial team for the *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation* and, more recently, teams that prosecuted various litigations arising from the financial crisis, including *In re Citigroup, Inc. Bond Litigation*, *In re Wachovia Preferred Securities and Bond/Notes Litigation*, *In re MBIA Inc. Securities Litigation* and, *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Mr. Hunciker also was a member of the team that prosecuted the *In re Schering-Plough Corp./Enhance Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*. He presently is a member of the team prosecuting the *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation*, which arises out of Merck's alleged failure to disclose adverse facts to investors regarding the risks of Vioxx.

EDUCATION: Stanford University, B.A.; Phi Beta Kappa. Harvard Law School, J.D., Founding Editor of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth and Ninth Circuits.



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**PETER RUSSELL** works on the firm's institutional investor outreach and business development initiatives, with a particular focus on the firm's Taft-Hartley clients.

An experienced litigator and prosecutor, earlier in his career he served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's office (2001-2006) and prior to that served as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County where he prosecuted major felonies in Superior Court. Mr. Russell was a Director in the Attorney General's Office where he tried cases in both State Superior and Federal Courts. He also served in the Executive Bureau where he was the Attorney General's liaison to all of the Mayors in the Commonwealth and Union Business Managers. In addition, he coordinated legislative matters for the Attorney General during his time in the Executive Bureau.

Mr. Russell is a frequent lecturer at Boston College Law School and Suffolk Law School. The former president of the Needham (Massachusetts) Business Association, he is a member of the Newton/Needham Chamber of Commerce and has been active in both local and statewide politics in Massachusetts. He is also a former semi-professional soccer player and coaches youth league soccer, training young players to be collegiate scholarship level athletes, as he was. (He captained the Providence College Varsity Soccer team as a scholar athlete.)

EDUCATION: Providence College, B.A. Boston College Law School, J.D.

BAR ADMISSION: Massachusetts.



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**ROCHELLE FEDER HANSEN** has handled a number of high profile securities fraud cases at the firm, including *In re StorageTek Securities Litigation*, *In re First Republic Securities Litigation*, and *In re RJR Nabisco Securities Litigation*. Ms. Hansen has also acted as Antitrust Program Coordinator for Columbia Law School's Continuing Legal Education Trial Practice Program for Lawyers.

**EDUCATION:** Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, B.A., 1966; M.S., 1976. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1979; Member, *Cardozo Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**NIKI L. MENDOZA** has helped obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries on behalf of defrauded investors. Some of Ms. Mendoza's more notable accomplishments include participating in a full jury trial and achieving a rare securities fraud verdict against the company's CEO in *In re Clarent Corporations Securities Litigation*. She also conducted extensive fact and expert discovery, full motion practice and completed substantial trial preparation in *In re Electronic Data Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in settlement just prior to trial for \$137.5 million; one of the larger settlements in non-restatement cases since the passage of the PSLRA. Ms. Mendoza also advocates for employee rights, and previously sought to end racial steering through her prosecution of a race discrimination class action lawsuit filed against Bank of America. Ms. Mendoza handles many of the firm's settlement matters, including matters involving mortgage-backed securities.

Ms. Mendoza has been recognized for her experience and knowledge, and invited as a featured speaker, in the specialized area of class action settlements. She co-authored various articles which have been cited in federal court opinions (including "Dura Pharm., Inc. v. Broudo-The Least of All Evils," 1505 PLI/Corp. 272, 274 (Sept. 2005) and "Dura-Bull: Myths of Loss Causation," 1557 PLI/Corp. 339 (Sept. 2006). She was also a panel speaker at the Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute 2007, Practicing Legal Institute (San Francisco, October 2007). In addition to her practice, Ms. Mendoza previously served as the Co-Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's Children At Risk committee, a committee that works with schools and children's organizations and coordinates literacy and enrichment programs that rely on attorney volunteers.

Ms. Mendoza served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Michael R. Hogan of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon for three years where she received the Distinguished Service Recognition. While serving as Managing Editor for the *Oregon Law Review*, Ms. Mendoza authored "Rooney v. Kulungoski, Limiting The Principle of Separation of Powers?"

**EDUCATION:** University of Oregon, B.A. and J.D.; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor of the *Oregon Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Hawaii (inactive); California; Oregon; U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Hawaii, and the Northern, Southern, Central and Eastern Districts of California; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits.



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**JAI K. CHANDRASEKHAR** prosecutes securities fraud litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients. He has been a member of the litigation teams on several of the firm's high-profile securities cases including *In re Refco, Inc. Securities Litigation*, in which multiple settlements were achieved by Lead Plaintiffs resulting in a total recovery of \$367.3 million for the benefit of the settlement class, and *In re Bristol Meyers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*, in which a settlement of \$125 million was achieved for the class.

Mr. Chandrasekhar is currently counsel for the plaintiffs in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising from misrepresentations and omissions concerning the trading activities of JPMorgan's Chief Investment Officer and the losses suffered by investors following JPMorgan's surprise announcement in May 2012 that it had suffered over \$2 billion in losses on trades tied to complex credit derivative products. He is also counsel for the plaintiffs in *In re MF Global Holdings Ltd. Securities Litigation*, a securities class action arising out of the collapse of MF Global – formerly a leading derivatives brokerage firm – and concerning a series of materially false and misleading statements and omissions about MF Global's business and financial results.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Chandrasekhar was a Staff Attorney with the Division of Enforcement of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, where he investigated securities law violations and coordinated investigations involving multiple SEC offices and other government agencies. Before his tenure at the SEC, he was an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he represented corporate issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of stocks, bonds, and complex securities and advised corporations on periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and other corporate and securities matters.

Mr. Chandrasekhar is a member of the New York County Lawyers Association, the New York City Bar Association, and the house of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, and is a director of the New York County Lawyers Association Foundation.

**EDUCATION:** Yale University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1987; Phi Beta Kappa. Yale Law School, J.D., 1997; Book Review Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Courts of Appeals for Second, Third and Federal Circuits.

**LAUREN MCMILLEN ORMSBEE**'s practice focuses on complex commercial and securities litigation out of the firm's New York office.

Following law school, Ms. Ormsbee served as a law clerk for the Honorable Colleen McMahon, District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Ms. Ormsbee was a litigation associate at a prominent defense firm where she had extensive experience in securities litigation and complex commercial litigation.

Since joining the firm in 2007, Ms. Ormsbee has represented institutional and private investors in a number of class and direct actions involving securities fraud and other violations. She has been an integral part of the teams that prosecuted *In re HealthSouth Bondholder Litigation*, which obtained \$230 million for the Class; *In re New Century Securities Litigation*, which obtained \$125 million for the benefit of the Class; *In re State Street Corporation Securities Litigation*, which obtained \$60 million for the Class, *In re Ambac Financial Group Securities Litigation*, which obtained \$33 million from the now-bankrupt insurer; *In re Goldman Sachs Mortgage Pass-Through Litigation*, which obtained \$26.6 million for the benefit of the class of RMBS purchasers and *Barron v. Union Bancaire Privée*, which obtained \$8.9 million on behalf of the class of investors harmed by the fund's investments with Bernard Madoff.



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Ms. Ormsbee is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*, *In re Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A. Securities Litigation*, *Levy v. GT Advanced Technologies Inc.*, *In re Tower Group International, Ltd. Securities Litigation* and *In re Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Securities Litigation*.

**EDUCATION:** Duke University, B.A., History, 1996. University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2000; Research Editor for the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U. S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**BRETT M. MIDDLETON** prosecutes federal and state actions involving securities fraud, auditor liability, and corporate governance matters. He has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in courts across the country on behalf of public and private institutional investors.

Having prosecuted over twenty successful corporate governance derivative and class actions, Mr. Middleton has extensive experience litigating breach of fiduciary duty claims against officers and directors. He has received national recognition for his achievements in this field, including recognition by *The Legal 500 USA Guide*.

Mr. Middleton currently serves, and has served in prior litigation, as counsel in a wide variety of high-profile actions. Select representations are listed below.

#### **Securities Fraud Class Actions**

- *Lumber Liquidators Sec. Litig. Class Action:* ongoing federal securities fraud class action arising from an alleged scheme to inflate margins by importing cheap flooring products made from illegally harvested timber and containing dangerous amounts of formaldehyde.
- *OSI Systems, Inc. Sec. Litig. Class Action:* \$15 million settlement of federal securities fraud claims arising from alleged false and misleading statements concerning OSI's development of airport security technologies.
- *Lehman Brothers Sec. Litig. Class Action:* federal securities class action that alleged defendants improperly accounted for "Repo 105" transactions to falsely represent the financial health of Lehman Brothers and delay the largest bankruptcy in United States history. Lead Plaintiffs achieved a total settlement of \$615 million, which is one of the largest recoveries in a case arising from the financial crisis. The \$99 million settlement with Lehman's public auditor, Ernst & Young, is one of the largest auditor settlements in a securities fraud class action case.
- *Accredited Home Lenders Sec. Litig. Class Action:* after the conclusions of fact discovery, obtained a \$22 million settlement of fraud claims relating to mortgage lending practices – one of the earliest settlements of the financial crisis.
- *Accredo Health Sec. Litig. Class Action:* the defendant company settled accounting fraud claims for \$33 million after the completion of extensive fact and expert discovery.
- *Williams Sec. Litig. Class Action:* resulted in a \$311 million combined settlement, including a settlement by the company's public auditor Ernst & Young, which was the largest known settlement at the time without a company restating its financial statements.
- *Clarent Sec. Litig. Class Action:* after a four week jury trial, obtained a rare jury verdict in favor of plaintiffs and against the former CEO of Clarent Corporation for federal securities law violations.



### Shareholder Derivative Actions

- *RMBS Trustee Derivative Actions:* two active coordinated derivative actions brought on behalf of BlackRock, PIMCO, and nine other prominent institutional investors against trustee banks Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for breach of contractual, statutory and common law duties owed to the RMBS trusts and certificate-holders.
- *Intuitive Surgical Derivative Action:* ongoing derivative action against the Intuitive Surgical board of directors and certain officers arising out of allegations that defendants knowingly failed to comply with Food and Drug Administration's ("FDA") regulations, knowingly failed to establish sufficient internal controls to comply with FDA regulations, and participated in insider trading.
- *Qualcomm Derivative Action:* ongoing derivative action against the Qualcomm board of directors for breach of fiduciary duty and seeking reimbursement for an unprecedented \$1 billion fine for antitrust violations imposed by Chinese regulators.
- *Nu Skin Derivative Action:* currently prosecuting fiduciary duty claims against Nu Skin's officers and directors for knowingly permitting the Company to engage in unlawful multi-level marketing.
- *Ryland Group Derivative Action:* resulted in monetary reimbursement of one million dollars and significant mortgage lending compliance oversight reforms to remedy reckless lending practices at the national home builder's home lending subsidiary.
- *Apollo Group Derivative Action:* stock options backdating derivative action in which director and officer defendants agreed to reimburse the company and implement substantial corporate governance changes.
- *Activision Derivative Action:* achieved significant corporate governance reforms and monetary compensation for the company arising from improper backdating of stock options by corporate director and officer defendants.

### Mergers & Acquisitions ("M&A") Actions

- *Medco/Express Scripts M&A Action:* director defendants agreed to reduce the termination fee by an unprecedented \$300 million, limit the matching rights to a single round, and postpone the shareholder vote on the challenged transaction.
- *Celera Corp. M&A Action:* achieved for shareholders meaningful corporate governance reforms and valuable disclosures associated with acquisition.
- *Arena M&A Action:* defended shareholders' voting rights by successfully challenging a unique merger agreement and "Naked No-Vote" provision used in the acquisition of Arena Resources.
- *Ticketmaster M&A Action:* obtained for shareholders meaningful corporate governance improvements and disclosures associated with a "Merger of Equals" with Live Nation.
- *Emulex M&A Action:* challenged Emulex board's rejection of a premium takeover offer by Broadcom Corporation and adoption of a "Poison Pill" and by-law amendment.
- *Long Drugs M&A Action:* resulted in valuable disclosures concerning the target company's real estate assets relevant to the acquisition.
- *Yahoo! M&A Action:* defended shareholders' voting rights infringed by Yahoo!'s employee severance plan adopted to ward off a hostile takeover attempt by Microsoft Corporation.
- *Caremark/CVS M&A Action:* resulted in over \$3 billion in additional merger consideration for Caremark's shareholders.



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### Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (“RMBS”) Actions

- *Morgan Stanley RMBS Direct Actions:* obtained confidential settlements for two national insurance companies against Morgan Stanley arising out of its fraudulent sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.
- *JPMorgan RMBS Direct Action:* resulted in significant confidential monetary settlement for prominent institutional investor arising out of the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities by JP Morgan, Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual.
- *Countrywide RMBS Direct Actions:* represented institutional investors, including money managers and insurance companies, in direct actions that were successfully and confidentially resolved against Countrywide Financial.

EDUCATION: University of California, Los Angeles, 1993. University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 1998.

BAR ADMISSIONS: California; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

**RICHARD D. GLUCK** has almost 25 years of litigation and trial experience in bet-the-company cases. His practice focuses on securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. He has been recognized for achieving “the highest levels of ethical standards and professional excellence” by Martindale Hubbell®, and has been named one of San Diego’s “Top Lawyers” practicing complex business litigation.

Since joining BLB&G, Mr. Gluck has been a key member of the teams prosecuting a number of high-profile cases, including several RMBS class and direct actions against a number of large Wall Street Banks. He was a senior attorney on the team prosecuting the *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*, which resulted in over \$615 million for investors and is considered one of the largest total recoveries for shareholders in any case arising from the financial crisis. Specifically, he was instrumental in developing important evidence that led to the \$99 million settlement with Lehman’s former auditor, Ernst & Young – one of the top 10 auditor settlements ever achieved. He also was a senior member of the teams that prosecuted the RMBS class actions against Bear Stearns, which settled for \$500 million; JPMorgan, which settled for \$280 million; and Morgan Stanley, which settled for \$95 million. He also is a key member of the team prosecuting *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Securities Litigation*, which to date has resulted in settlements totaling more than \$200 million, pending court approval.

Before joining BLB&G, Mr. Gluck represented corporate and individual clients in securities fraud and consumer class actions, SEC investigations and enforcement actions, and in actions involving claims of fraud, breach of contract and misappropriation of trade secrets in state and federal courts and in arbitration. He has substantial trial experience, having obtained verdicts or awards for his clients in multi-million dollar lawsuits and arbitrations. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Gluck clerked for Judge William H. Orrick of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Mr. Gluck currently is a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Wilmington Trust Securities*, *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Securities Litigation*, *Mark Roberti v. OSI Systems Inc., et al.*, *In re Genworth Financial Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re Allergan, Inc. Proxy Violation Securities Litigation*. He practices out of the firm’s San Diego office.

Mr. Gluck is a former President of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers and currently is a member of its Board of Governors.



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**EDUCATION:** California State University Sacramento, B.S., Business Administration, *with honors*, 1987. Santa Clara University, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1990; Articles Editor of the *Santa Clara Computer and High Technology Law Journal*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

**DAVE KAPLAN** practices in the firm's California office and focuses on complex litigation, including securities class actions, individual "opt out" actions, and international securities matters. Mr. Kaplan has over a decade of experience in the field of shareholder and securities litigation. For his outstanding work advising and representing institutional investors, Mr. Kaplan has been recognized for several years as one of San Diego's "Rising Stars" by *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Kaplan has helped achieve substantial recoveries on behalf of lead plaintiffs in several securities class actions, including as a member of the teams that prosecuted *In re Toyota Motor Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$25.5 million recovery), *In re Dendreon Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$40 million recovery), and *In re AXA Rosenberg Investor Litigation* (\$65 million recovery). Mr. Kaplan currently represents lead plaintiffs in several federal class action lawsuits, including *In re Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement Class Action Litigation* pending in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the *Invacare Securities Litigation* pending in the Northeastern District of Ohio.

In addition to prosecuting complex litigation in state and federal courts, for the past five years, a significant part of Mr. Kaplan's practice has focused on advising and representing prominent institutional investors on whether to remain in securities class actions or opt-out in order to maximize their recovery. He is currently representing prominent institutional investors in a variety of opt out matters, including direct actions against British Petroleum (BP) in Texas federal court arising out of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, against American International Group (AIG) in California state court and Manhattan federal court arising out of AIG's investments the housing and subprime mortgage markets in the years leading up to the financial crisis, against Petróleo Brasileiro (Petrobras) in Manhattan federal court arising out of the long-running bribery and kickback scheme at the Brazilian oil giant, and against American Realty Capital Partners (now known as VEREIT) arising out of a multi-year accounting fraud at the world's largest net-lease REIT. Recently, Mr. Kaplan successfully represented sixteen prominent institutional investors – including the largest U.S. public pension fund, the largest sovereign wealth fund, and the largest asset manager in the world – that opted out of *In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Securities Litigation*, in a direct action that was confidentially resolved against Countrywide Financial, certain of its former executive officers, and KPMG LLP.

Mr. Kaplan also has extensive experience counseling institutional investors on international securities claims. Recent examples of foreign securities matters for which he has provided extensive analysis to the firm's institutional investor clients include shareholder "group actions" pending against RBS, Lloyd's, and Tesco in England; shareholder "mass actions" against Olympus and Toshiba in Japan; and shareholder class and collective actions in continental Europe, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, and a variety of other international jurisdictions.

Finally, Mr. Kaplan is a member of the firm's New Matter department in which he, along with a team of attorneys, financial analysts, forensic accountants, and investigators, counsels the firm's institutional clients on potential legal claims.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Kaplan was a senior associate at Irell & Manella, where he represented plaintiffs, defendants, and transactional clients in a broad range of matters, including fiduciary obligations, SEC compliance, subprime mortgage disputes, commercial contract disputes, private equity investments, trade secret, and insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.



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While in law school, Mr. Kaplan served on the editorial board of the *Duke Law Journal*, authored *The Scope of Bar Orders in Federal Securities Fraud Settlements*, 52 Duke L.J. 211, 241 (2002), and was a Stanley Starr scholar and President of the Duke Law ACLU.

**EDUCATION:** Washington & Lee University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1999. Duke University School of Law, J.D., 2003; High Honors; *Duke Law Journal*; Stanley Starr Scholar.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California, U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

**LUCAS E. GILMORE** practices out of the firm's San Diego office and focuses on securities class actions and individual investor actions.

Mr. Gilmore currently represents BlackRock, PIMCO, and nine other prominent institutional investors in six representative actions pending in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York against the principal financial crisis-era RMBS trustee banks: U.S. Bank National Association; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas; The Bank of New York Mellon; Wells Fargo; HSBC Bank USA, National Association; and Citibank N.A. The actions are brought by the plaintiffs in their representative capacity on behalf of over 2,200 RMBS trusts issued between 2004 and 2008. The suits allege that the trustees breached contractual, statutory and common law duties owed to the trusts and certificate-holders. The suits are brought as derivative actions, or in the alternative, as class actions on behalf of all current owners of certificates in the trusts.

In addition, Mr. Gilmore is currently litigating securities fraud class action lawsuits, including *In re Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement Class Action Litigation* pending in the District of Columbia, *Government of Guam Retirement Fund v. Invacare Corporation* pending in the Northeastern District of Ohio, *Deerfield Beach Police Pension Fund v. Quality Systems, Inc.* pending in the Central District of California, and *Anderson v. Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc.* pending in the District of Kansas, as well as representing class plaintiffs in antitrust litigation arising from the manipulation of LIBOR.

Mr. Gilmore is also currently representing prominent U.S. and international institutional investors in numerous direct action matters, including opt out actions against BP plc in Texas federal court arising out of the catastrophic 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, against AIG in California state court arising out of AIG's massive accumulated exposure to the housing and subprime mortgage markets in the years leading up to the financial crisis, and against Petróleo Brasileiro (Petrobras) in Manhattan federal court arising out of the long-running bribery and kickback scheme at the Brazilian oil giant.

Mr. Gilmore was recently selected as a member of the Leadership Development Committee of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. For his outstanding work, Mr. Gilmore was also recognized as one of San Diego's "Rising Stars" in 2014 by *Super Lawyers*.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Gilmore was an associate at a law firm in San Francisco, where he successfully prosecuted and defended a variety of civil actions, including commercial, consumer and antitrust cases from the discovery stage through trial. He also gained significant experience as a judicial extern for the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

**EDUCATION:** Vanderbilt University, B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, 2002. University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D., 2007; Computer Assisted Learning Institute Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy I and II.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.



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**BRANDON MARSH**'s practice is focused on complex litigation, including matters involving securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. As a member of the firm's new matter and foreign securities litigation departments, Mr. Marsh, along with a team of attorneys, financial analysts, forensic accountants, and investigators, also counsels the firm's institutional clients on their legal claims and options with respect to shareholder litigation worldwide.

Mr. Marsh currently represents the firm's institutional investor clients as counsel in a number of significant actions, including the securities class action against Cobalt International. He also represents the firm's clients in securities class actions brought against Rayonier Inc., EZCORP Inc., and Apollo Education Group relating to their misrepresentations to investors. Mr. Marsh also serves as counsel in a direct action against AIG for its financial crisis-era misrepresentations and omissions to investors, currently pending in California state court.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Marsh clerked for the Honorable Jerome Farris of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was a senior associate at Irell & Manella. While at Irell & Manella, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of matters, including representing one of the world's largest gaming companies in a major securities class action.

Mr. Marsh has authored articles relating to class actions and the federal securities laws, including "Keeping Plaintiffs in the Driver's Seat: The Supreme Court Rejects 'Pick-off' Settlement Offers," published by the American Bar Association. He has also authored "More than One Way to Pick a Pocket: SEC Scrutiny of Private Equity Firms Reveals Widespread Abuses" and "All Eyes on the UK: Institutional investors monitor high-profile cases in the London High Court." Mr. Marsh also occasionally hosts BLB&G's Real-Time Speaker Series, a periodic firm presentation regarding issues of current interest to the institutional investor community.

Mr. Marsh earned his law degree from Stanford Law School, graduating with honors ("with Distinction"). While in law school, he served as an editor of the *Stanford Law Review* and authored "Preventing the Inevitable: The Benefits of Contractual Risk Engineering in Light of Venezuela's Recent Oil Field Nationalization," 13 Stan. J. L. Bus. & Fin. 453 (2008).

The *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine named Mr. Marsh a "Rising Star" for the years 2014, 2016, and 2017.

**EDUCATION:** University of California, Berkeley, B.A., *with Highest Distinction*, History and German, 2000. Stanford Law School, J.D., *with Distinction*, 2009.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; U.S. District Courts for the Central and Northern Districts of California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



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**JONATHAN FEIGELSON** Former General Counsel and Director of Corporate Governance to TIAA, Mr. Feigelson brings nearly a quarter century of legal, financial, and corporate leadership experience to bear on behalf of BLB&G clients. He liaises with and helps guide the firm's institutional investor clients in addressing issues of governance and management practices, board independence, management accountability, executive compensation and the protection of the U.S. shareholder franchise.

Mr. Feigelson currently serves as General Counsel & CCO at the fintech firm Artivest. Prior to that he was TIAA's General Counsel, Director of Corporate Governance, head of Regulatory Affairs and Senior Managing Director. Prior to joining TIAA in 2006, he was the Managing Director and General Counsel for ABN AMRO's North American Investment Bank, and was also previously Vice President and Global Director of Equity Derivatives Compliance for Goldman Sachs. Mr. Feigelson began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's office in the Financial Frauds Bureau specializing in securities and bank fraud cases.

**EDUCATION:** Harvard College, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1985; Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship Nominee. London School of Economics, M.B.A., International Relations, *Highest Honors*. Columbia Law School, J.D., 1989; Member of *Columbia Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California; New York.



## ASSOCIATES

**ABE ALEXANDER** practices out of the New York office, where he focuses on securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation.

As a principal member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Merck Vioxx Securities Litigation*, Mr. Alexander helped recover over \$1.06 billion on behalf of injured investors. The case, which asserted claims arising out of the Defendants' alleged misrepresentations concerning the safety profile of Merck's pain-killer, VIOXX, was settled shortly before trial and after more than 10 years of litigation, during which time plaintiffs achieved a unanimous and groundbreaking victory for investors at the U.S. Supreme Court. The settlement is the largest securities recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company and among the 15 largest recoveries of all time.

Mr. Alexander was also a principal member of the trial team that prosecuted *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, which settled on the eve of trial for a combined \$688 million. This \$688 million settlement represents the second largest securities class action recovery against a pharmaceutical company in history and is among the largest securities class action settlements of any kind. As lead associate on the firm's trial team, Mr. Alexander helped achieve a \$150 million settlement of investors' claims against JPMorgan Chase arising from alleged misrepresentations concerning the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale." Mr. Alexander also played a key role in obtaining a substantial recovery on behalf of investors in *In re Penn West Petroleum Ltd. Securities Litigation*. He is currently prosecuting *Medina v. Clovis Oncology, Inc.*; *In re HeartWare International, Inc. Securities Litigation*; *Schaffer v. Horizon Pharma PLC*; and *Park v. Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp.*, among others.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Alexander represented institutional clients in a number of high-profile securities, corporate governance, and antitrust matters.

Mr. Alexander was an award-winning member of his law school's national moot court team. Following law school, he served as a judicial clerk to Chief Justice Michael L. Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court.

*Super Lawyers* has regularly selected Mr. Alexander as a New York "Rising Star" in recognition of his accomplishments.

**EDUCATION:** New York University - The College of Arts and Science, B.A., Analytic Philosophy, *cum laude*, 2003. University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2008; Order of the Coif.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Delaware; New York; U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

**JENNY E. BARBOSA** practices out of the firm's San Diego office, where she prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting a securities fraud class actions against Rayonier Inc., Cobalt International Energy, Inc. and Vale SA. Ms. Barbosa is also currently representing prominent institutional investors in a variety of opt out matters, including direct actions against Petróleo Brasileiro (Petrobras) in Manhattan federal court arising out of the long-running bribery and kickback scheme at the Brazilian oil giant, and against American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. (now known as VEREIT) arising out of a multi-year accounting fraud at the world's largest net-lease REIT.



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Prior to joining BLB&G, Ms. Barbosa worked at the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, where she clerked for the Honorable Jill L. Burkhardt and served as a judicial extern for both the Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia and the Honorable Mitchell D. Dembin. While in law school, Ms. Barbosa was a Comments Editor for the *San Diego Law Review*.

Ms. Barbosa is currently an Associate in The Louis M. Welsh American Inn of Court and a member of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

**EDUCATION:** University of San Diego, B.A., Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, 2006. University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2013; Order of the Coif; Comments Editor, *San Diego Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSION:** California.

**REBECCA BOON** practices out of the New York office, where she prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Boon was an associate at a major international law firm, where she represented clients in securities litigation, ERISA litigation, contract disputes, international arbitration, white collar crime and criminal appeals.

Ms. Boon is currently a senior member of the teams prosecuting *New York State Teachers' Retirement System v. General Motors Company, et al.*; *The Department of The Treasury of the State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., et al.*; and *Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago v. Northern Trust Investments N.A., et al.* In addition, over the past few years, Ms. Boon has been a senior member of the teams prosecuting numerous actions against Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank arising out of their allegedly fraudulent sales of residential mortgage-backed securities, which have resulted in millions of dollars in recovery for investors, including *Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. Morgan Stanley, et al.*, among others.

While in law school, Ms. Boon served as the research assistant to Dean Nora Demleitner. Ms. Boon also worked as an intern at Her Justice (formerly known as inMotion, Inc.), as well as Hofstra Law School's Political Asylum Clinic.

**EDUCATION:** Vassar College, B.A., 2004 (History, Correlate in Women's Studies); Social Justice Community Fellow. Hofstra University School of Law, 2007, J.D., *cum laude*; Charles H. Revson Foundation Law Students Public Interest Fellow; *Hofstra Law Review*; Distinguished Contribution to the School and Excellence in International Law Awards; Merit Scholarship.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**DAVID L. DUNCAN**'s practice concentrates on the settlement of class actions and other complex litigation and the administration of class action settlements.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Duncan worked as a litigation associate at Debevoise & Plimpton, where he represented clients in a wide variety of commercial litigation, including contract disputes, antitrust and products liability litigation, and in international arbitration. In addition, he has represented criminal defendants on appeal in New York State courts and has successfully litigated on behalf of victims of torture and political persecution from Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire and Serbia in seeking asylum in the United States.



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While in law school, Mr. Duncan served as an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. After law school, he clerked for Judge Amalya L. Kearse of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**EDUCATION:** Harvard College, A.B., Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, 1993. Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1997.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; Connecticut; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**SCOTT R. FOGLIETTA** focuses his practice on securities litigation and is a member of the firm's New Matter group, in which he, as part of a team of attorneys, financial analysts, and investigators, counsels institutional investors on potential legal claims.

Mr. Foglietta also serves as a member of the litigation team responsible for prosecuting *In re Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*. For his accomplishments, Mr. Foglietta was recently named a New York "Rising Star" in the area of securities litigation.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Foglietta represented institutional and individual clients in a wide variety of complex litigation matters, including securities class actions, commercial litigation, and ERISA litigation. While in law school, Mr. Foglietta served as a legal intern in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's (FINRA) Enforcement Division, and in the general counsel's office of NYSE Euronext. Prior to law school, Mr. Foglietta earned his M.B.A. in finance from Clark University and worked as a capital markets analyst for a boutique investment banking firm.

**EDUCATION:** Clark University, B.A., Management, *cum laude*, 2006. Clark University, Graduate School of Management, M.B.A., Finance, 2007. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2010.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; New Jersey.

**ADAM HOLLANDER** prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Mr. Hollander has represented institutional investors and corporations in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country. Currently, he represents clients in a number of disputes relating to corporate governance and transactions, including a derivative action on behalf of Dish Network Corporation in the Nevada Business Court, a class and derivative action on behalf of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. and its limited partners, and a class action on behalf of the public shareholders of KKR Financial Holdings LLC. In addition, Mr. Hollander has drafted numerous briefs in matters before the federal courts of appeals.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Hollander clerked for the Honorable Barrington D. Parker, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. He has also been associated with two New York defense firms, where he gained significant experience representing clients in various civil, criminal, and regulatory matters, including white collar and complex commercial litigation.

Mr. Hollander is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Bach v. Amedisys, Inc.*, *The Department of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.*, *In re Fairway Group Holdings Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Dish Network Corp. Shareholder Litigation*, *In re Kinder Morgan Energy Partnership, L.P. Derivative Litigation*, *In re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, *In re KKR Financial Holdings LLC Shareholder Litigation*, *Central Laborers' Pension Fund v. Portnoy, Slotoroff v. Kinder Morgan, Inc.*, *City of Cambridge Retirement System v. Devitre, International Union of Operating*



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*Engineers Local 478 v. Hsu, Teamsters Local 443 Health Services & Insurance Plan v. Otis, and In re Sanchez Energy Derivative Litigation.*

EDUCATION: Brown University, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 2001, Urban Studies. Yale Law School, J.D., 2006; Editor, *Yale Law and Policy Review*.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; Connecticut; U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York and the District of Connecticut; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**JESSE JENSEN** prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Jensen was a litigation associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, where he represented accounting firms, banks, investment firms and high-net-worth individuals in complex commercial, securities, commodities and professional liability civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He also gained considerable experience in responding to investigations and inquiries by government regulators such as the SEC and CFTC. In addition, Mr. Jensen actively litigated several *pro bono* civil rights cases, including a federal suit in which he secured a favorable settlement for an inmate alleging physical abuse by corrections officers.

He is currently a member of the firms' teams prosecuting *In re: Altisource Portfolio Solutions, S.A. Securities Litigation* and *Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association v. comScore, Inc.*

*Super Lawyers* has named Mr. Jensen as a "Rising Star" for the past four years; no more than 2.5% of the lawyers in New York are selected to receive this honor each year.

EDUCATION: New York University School of Law, J.D., 2009; Staff Editor, *NYU Journal of Law and Business*.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**DAVID MACISAAC** practices out of the New York office, where he prosecutes corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. MacIsaac was a litigation associate at a major law firm. There his practice focused on general commercial, federal securities, corporate governance and other litigation matters. Mr. MacIsaac was also a Financial Planner at The Ayco Company, where he advised clients and counselors on exchange traded funds, variable annuities, stock option strategies, and employee stock purchase plans.

While in law school, Mr. MacIsaac served as a summer Honors Intern in the Division of Enforcement of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and also worked as an extern at the United States Treasury Department.

EDUCATION: Franklin and Marshall College, B.A., 2007, European History and Government. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2013; Member, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives*.

BAR ADMISSION: New York.



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**JOHN J. MILLS**' practice concentrates on Class Action Settlements and Settlement Administration. Mr. Mills also has experience representing large financial institutions in corporate finance transactions.

EDUCATION: Duke University, B.A., 1997. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2000; Member of *The Brooklyn Journal of International Law*; Carswell Merit Scholar recipient.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**JAKE NACHMANI** practices out of the New York office, where he prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. He is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*, *General Motors Securities Litigation*, *Fernandez et al. v. UBS AG et al.*, *In re Tower Group International, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, *In re Pier I Imports, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re SunEdison, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *Levy v. Gutierrez et al.* (GT Advanced Technologies, Inc.).

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Nachmani represented clients in complex commercial litigation, consumer class actions, and False Claims Act cases. He also briefly served as Special Counsel and Policy Advisor in the Office of the Chief Advisor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg for Policy and Strategic Planning. During law school, Mr. Nachmani clerked for the Head Deputy District Attorney in the Major Crimes Division of the Office of the District Attorney in Los Angeles.

EDUCATION: Brown University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, History, 2002; Phi Beta Kappa. Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2010; Farrell Scholarship.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**ANGUS FEI NI** practices out of the New York office, where he prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients.

Prior to joining the firm, he was a litigation associate at a top New York law firm, where he drafted briefs, conducted internal investigations, and managed discovery. Mr. Ni has also represented corporate clients in international arbitrations before ICC and ICSID tribunals. Mr. Ni is currently a member of the teams prosecuting securities class actions against *Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.* and the *Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.*

EDUCATION: University of Toronto, Trinity College, B.A., *Dean's List*; College Scholar, 2009. University of Chicago Law School, J.D., *with honors*, 2013.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**CHRISTOPHER J. ORRICO**'s practice is focused on complex litigation, including matters involving securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Mr. Orrico has significant experience in complex litigation, representing investor plaintiffs in major securities, antitrust and ERISA litigation, as well as a variety of other business tort litigation. He has also represented insurers in matters involving directors and officers liability policies, errors and omissions, and fiduciary liability.



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Mr. Orrico obtained his joint J.D. and M.B.A. from Villanova University School of Law and School of Business. He completed the four-year joint degree program in only three years and has since served as a guest lecturer on securities litigation for the school. Additionally, Mr. Orrico obtained his B.A. in Economics from Yale University where he was Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team. He is the co-author of “Entire Fairness Or Business Judgment? It’s Anyone’s Guess,” which was published by *Law360.com* in 2015 and “The X’s and O’s of Football’s Offseason of Discontent,” which was published by the *New York Law Journal* in 2011. He is the author of “If You Ain’t Cheating You Ain’t Trying!” which was published by *The Advocate for Institutional Investors* in 2016.

Mr. Orrico is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association, as well as the National Italian American Foundation. He is also a member of the Villanova Law Alumni Mentoring Program.

Mr. Orrico is currently a member of the teams prosecuting: *In re CEC Entertainment, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*; *In re Appraisal of Towers Watson & Co. (n/k/a WTW Delaware Holding LLC)*; *In re Appraisal of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.; Williams v. Ji, et. al. (Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.)*; *California Public Employees’ Retirement System v. IAC/InterActiveCorp, et al.*; *3-Sigma Value Financial Opportunities LP, et al. v. Jones (CertusHoldings, Inc.)*; *In re Sanchez Energy Derivative Litigation*; *City of Miami General Employees’ and Sanitation Employees’ Retirement Trust v. Comstock, et al. (C&J Energy Services, Inc. Merger Litigation)*; *Melbourne Municipal Firefighters’ Pension Trust Fund v. Jacobs, et al. (Qualcomm, Inc.)*; and *In re Big Lots, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*.

**EDUCATION:** Yale University, B.A., Economics, 2005; Paul Sortal Award for Ability and Leadership. Villanova University School of Law and School of Business, J.D., MBA, 2009.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; Connecticut.

**DAVID SCHWARTZ** prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm’s institutional investor clients.

Mr. Schwartz also represent clients in special situation and event driven litigation, including seeking appraisal (dissenters’) rights in M&A context. Mr. Schwartz is currently representing shareholder plaintiffs in the following appraisal litigations:

- *Towers Watson Appraisal* – in connection with the \$8.9 billion merger of Towers Watson & Co. with Willis Group Holdings plc;
- *Jarden Appraisal* – in connection with the \$15 billion acquisition of Jarden Corporation by Newell Rubbermaid Inc.;
- *Columbia Pipeline Appraisal* – in connection with the \$13 billion acquisition of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. by TransCanada Corporation;
- *Diamond Resorts Appraisal* – in connection with \$2.2 billion acquisition by Apollo Global.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Schwartz was an associate at a major international law firm, where he represented clients in business and complex commercial litigation, contract disputes, securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits, and SEC and other governmental inquiries and investigations.

Mr. Schwartz received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where he was an Editor of the *Urban Law Journal*, and received his B.A. in economics from the University of Chicago.



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EDUCATION: University of Chicago, B.A., Economics, 2003; *Dean's List*. Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2008; Editor of *Urban Law Journal*.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**ROSS SHIKOWITZ** focuses his practice on securities litigation and is a member of the firm's New Matter group, in which he, as part of a team attorneys, financial analysts, and investigators, counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims.

Mr. Shikowitz has also served as a member of the litigation teams responsible for successfully prosecuting a number of the firm's cases involving wrongdoing related to the securitization and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), including *Allstate Insurance Co. v. Morgan Stanley, Bayerische Landesbank, New York Branch v. Morgan Stanley*; and *Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. Morgan Stanley*. Currently, he serves as a member of the litigation teams prosecuting *Dexia SA/NV v. Morgan Stanley*; and *Sealink Funding Limited v. Morgan Stanley*, which also involve the fraudulent issuance of RMBS.

While in law school, Mr. Shikowitz was a research assistant to Brooklyn Law School Professor of Law Emeritus Norman Poser, a widely respected expert in international and domestic securities regulation. He also served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Brian M. Cogan of the Eastern District of New York, and as a legal intern for the Major Narcotics Investigations Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

EDUCATION: Skidmore College, B.A., Music, *cum laude*, 2003. Indiana University-Bloomington, M.M., Music, 2005. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010; Notes/Comments Editor, *Brooklyn Law Review*; Moot Court Honor Society; Order of Barristers Certificate; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Products Liability, Professional Responsibility.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**JULIA TEBOR** practices out of the New York office and prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. She is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation* and *St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association v. HeartWare International, Inc.*

A former litigation associate with Seward & Kissel, Ms. Tebor also has broad experience in white collar, general commercial, and employment litigation matters on behalf of clients in the financial services industry, as well as in connection with SEC and DOJ investigations.

EDUCATION: Tufts University, B.A., Spanish and English, 2006; *Dean's List*. Boston University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2012; Notes Editor, *American Journal of Law and Medicine*.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Massachusetts; New York.

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Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Timlin was a senior litigation associate at a major corporate law firm. Among other matters, he successfully represented corporate clients in complex litigation, including securities class actions, derivative actions, and merger and acquisitions matters, playing a key role in drafting briefs, taking depositions and managing discovery, and was responsible for pre-trial and settlement activities.

Mr. Timlin is currently a member of the team prosecuting *In re GFI Group, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, *In re TIBCO Software Inc. Stockholders Litigation*, *Lieblein v. Ersek (The Western Union Company)*, *In re Empire State Building Associates, L.L.C. Participant Litigation*, and *In re Intuitive Surgical Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

**EDUCATION:** Cornell University, B.A., Philosophy and History, 2006. Columbia Law School, J.D., 2009; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

**BAR ADMISSION:** New York.

**ROBERT TRISOTTO** is an associate in Bernstein Litowitz's San Diego office, where he represents the firm's institutional investor clients in securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights matters.

He is currently a member of the team representing prominent institutional investors, including BlackRock and PIMCO, against six financial-crisis era RMBS trustee banks in ten cases pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York Supreme Court, and California Superior Court. The suits allege that the RMBS trustee banks breached contractual, statutory and common law duties owed to the trusts and certificate-holders.

Mr. Trisotto is also a member of the team prosecuting *Vale S.A. Securities Litigation* against the Brazilian mining company, arising from the collapse of the massive Fundão mining dam, which killed at least 17 people, destroyed an entire city, and polluted numerous waterways.

Prior to joining the firm, he was a senior litigation associate at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, where he gained significant experience in complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, and international disputes. For example, Mr. Trisotto was a member of the team that successfully prosecuted leading investment banks on behalf of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, conservator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, in RMBS litigation arising from violations of securities laws, in which Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac ultimately recovered tens of billions of dollars. He also successfully represented mezzanine lenders in a contractual dispute relating to the \$5.4 billion financing of the Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village property in Manhattan, the largest single real estate transaction in U.S. history at its time.

**EDUCATION:** New York University, B.A., Economics, 2005. New York Law School, J.D., 2009; *New York Law Review*.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** New York; New Jersey; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

**JOHN VIELANDI** practices out of the New York office and prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Vielandi clerked at a Manhattan firm, where he assisted partners and associates with preparing SEC filings and transaction documents regarding the issuance of securities in private placements, employee compensation plans, limited public offerings, and other transactions.



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EDUCATION: Georgetown University, B.A., History, 2010. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2013; Notes and Comments Editor for the *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law*.

BAR ADMISSION: New York.

**ALLA ZAYENCHIK** practices out of the firm's New York office, where she prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Ms. Zayenchik was a litigation associate at a New York law firm, where she successfully represented clients in class action and corporate governance litigation.

While in law school, Ms. Zayenchik was a Symposium Editor for the *Cardozo Public Law, Policy, and Ethics Journal*. She also served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Melvin L. Schweitzer of the New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division, and as a legal intern for The Innocence Project.

EDUCATION: Baruch School of the City College of New York, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Philosophy, 2010. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 2013.

BAR ADMISSION: New York.

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**DAVID STEACIE** has represented institutional investors in numerous securities fraud class actions. He was a member of the teams that prosecuted *In re Refco Securities Litigation* (total recoveries in excess of \$400 million), *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, et al. v. Freddie Mac, et al.* (\$410 million settlement) and *In re Biovail Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$138 million settlement). Mr. Steacie also supervises the attorneys at BLB&G who are primarily focused on electronic discovery.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Steacie was an attorney in private practice where he focused on securities and consumer fraud class action litigation.

EDUCATION: University of Massachusetts at Amherst, B.B.A., *cum laude*, 1986. Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 1994.

BAR ADMISSION: Massachusetts.